



# THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

## Neighbors Look Over Sketches For Dan's Site

Developer Unveils a Large Four-Story Building to Replace Former Gas Station

By Corrie M. Anders

By day, it's easy to see that the soul of Dan's Auto Service is missing. Abandoned since last August, the garage has gone grimy with neglect, and its once proud white-trim-over-blue paint job has started to fade. The gas pumps are long removed, adding to the emptiness. By night, the garage is even more forlorn, an industrial black hole that warns off intruders with a bright yellow chain-and-wood barrier that looks like TV crime-scene bunting.



STREET ELEVATION

The 18-unit housing and retail complex developer Peter Naughton hopes to build on the site of Dan's Service Station will have bay windows and gabled roofs to reflect the existing Victorian character of 24th Street. Architectural drawing courtesy of Forum Design, San Francisco

But the former gas station, built in 1930, is anything but a discarded stage set. Dan's is the largest—and the last—parcel of land available for development along the 24th Street commercial corridor in Noe Valley. That makes the site a

highly valuable prize, which a mysterious buyer, now revealed as a veteran real estate broker-developer, is in contract to purchase for approximately \$3.5 million. At

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## Groove a Dream Come True for Filmmaker Greg Harrison

By Betsy Bannerman

Greg Harrison broke the sound barrier last year. The 31-year-old Noe Valley resident wrote and directed the smash hit *Groove*, a low-budget, independently produced film depicting one night in the life of the San Francisco rave scene, with all its pulsating music, colorful characters, and ecstatic partying and dancing.

The very first night *Groove* screened,

in a world premiere at the Sundance 2000 Film Festival, representatives from four major Hollywood studios scrambled over themselves with offers to Harrison and co-producer Danielle Renfrew to buy the worldwide distribution rights. Sony Pictures Classics won, with a bid of \$1.5 million. "That's pretty uncommon, if not almost impossible, for an indie film," Harrison says in a definite understatement. "We felt really lucky."

But as with most "overnight" success stories, *Groove's* instant celebrity was caused by more than just luck.

Harrison grew up in Michigan, and made his first movies in high school using his dad's video camera. He took off for Los Angeles soon after graduating from Michigan State University in 1991.

His first job in L.A. was as a writer and

editor of "coming attractions." He then acted as assistant editor on such feature films as *Six Degrees of Separation* and *The Perez Family*. Finally, he worked as an editor of documentaries and music-based projects, including *The Life and Times of Ricky Lee Jones*, for Warner Brothers Records.

In 1994, Harrison decided to stretch his legs and take a break from L.A. "While editing got me into the film industry," he says, "it didn't get me any closer to directing, which was what I wanted to do all along."

He moved to the Bay Area and among other things inaugurated and played trumpet in an acoustical music trio called Combing Dolores (referring to a friend

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## PlumpJack (Read Gavin Newsom) Buys Caruso's on 24th Street

By Corrie M. Anders

Steve Kerr has had enough. After eight years of dispensing fine wines, doggy treats, and civic boosterism from behind the counter of Caruso Wine & Liquor, Kerr is getting out of the business.

Enter PlumpJack, which wants more. The high-profile San Francisco firm—whose most prominent principals include San Francisco Supervisor Gavin Newsom, billionaire socialite Gordon Getty, and Gordon's son, Bill Getty—has purchased Caruso's in a deal that is expected to close sometime this month.

"I love Noe Valley," said Newsom, PlumpJack's general manager. "That's why we've always been interested in expanding to Noe Valley, and then this opportunity came up."

The change won't be immediately apparent. The new owners plan to take a few

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## Bruce and His Broom Brigade Keep Our Streets Spiffy

By Kathy Dalle-Molle

Noe Valley native Kenny Bruce and his nine-man work crew are pulling out all their buckets, brooms, trash bags, and gloves to keep Noe Valley one clean neighborhood.

Tuesday through Saturday, Bruce—the street cleaning supervisor for Noe Valley, Glen Park, the Castro, and other neighborhoods in District 8—spends eight hours a day making sure trash, dirt, and other refuse from our streets, stairways, and plazas are swept away.

Earlier this year, to better serve individual neighborhoods, the Department of Public Works (DPW) reorganized its cleaning operations from four areas into 11, based on the new Board of Supervisor districts. In addition to Bruce and his crew, two environmental control officers who write tickets for littering, illegal dumping, and spraying graffiti are assigned to District 8.

"It's been very positive for us to work in a smaller area than we had been," says Bruce, who has been a street cleaning supervisor for the past seven years. "It was very difficult before to patrol a really large area. Now, with a more concentrated area, I can keep on top of things. We're constantly up and down the streets, and we have a good handle on which streets have more problems."

Even though Bruce, his wife, and two

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Filmmaker Greg Harrison says there are two characters in *Groove* who live in Noe Valley—near the corner of 26th and Church streets—who constantly get lost trying to find the rave site.

Photo by Beverly Thorp





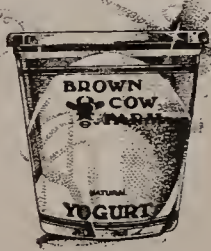
**They've Got Eggs.** Members of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral Church of the Annunciation on Valencia Street (several of whom live in Noe Valley) prepare and decorate these Easter egg treats by dyeing the shells deep red after applying leaves that peel off to reveal a bright white print.

Photos by Pomelo Gerord

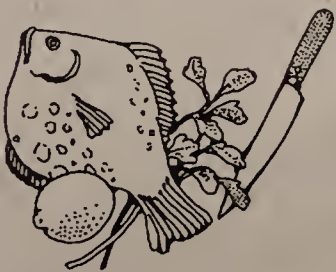
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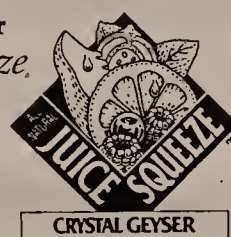
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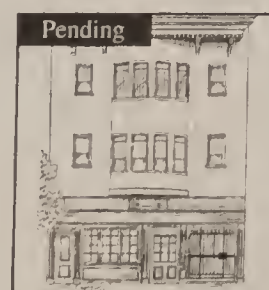
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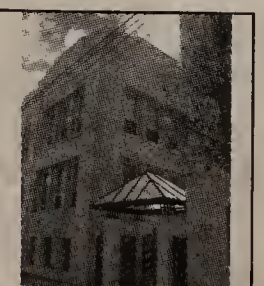
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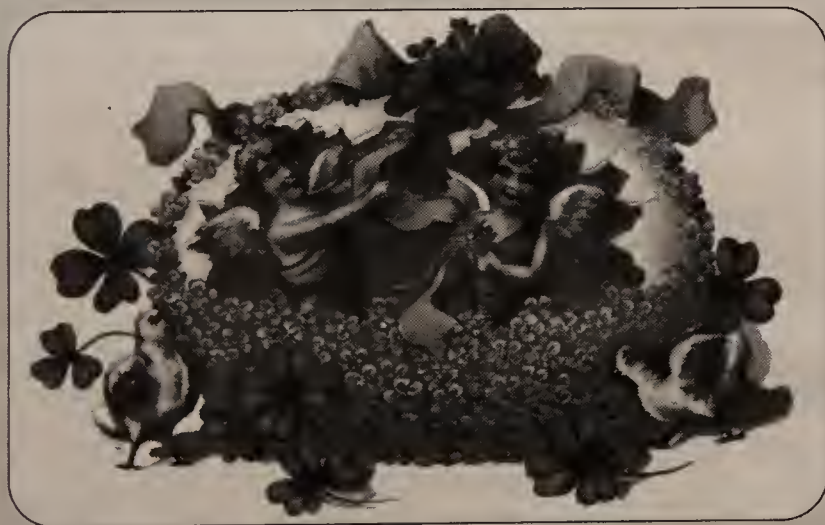
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# Developer Still Tinkering with Designs for Dan's

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the same time, a still mysterious group of wealthy Presbyterians waits in the wings with a "viable backup" offer—and dreams of transforming Dan's garage into a parking lot for church activities offered by the Noe Valley Ministry.

Just what type of development should arise on the location at 3865 24th Street (at Vicksburg Street) has engendered a buzz not heard since the brouhaha three years ago over developer Joe Cassidy's sprawling retail-apartment complex next to Bell Market. Broker Peter Naughton of Shamrock Realty and members of his development team have been making the rounds of Noe Valley's civic and business organizations during the past few weeks to showcase his vision—a four-story project of apartments and ground-floor retail shops similar to Cassidy's.

So far, the proposal has elicited grumblings that the structure is far too massive for the block, and that it would exacerbate traffic congestion. A proposed underground parking garage has raised the specter of dredging up buried toxins from an oil leak a decade ago. The looming building also might block the sunlight that now warms strollers and bench-sitters on 24th Street. Meanwhile, residents on Vicksburg, Jersey, and Sanchez could suffer a significant loss of privacy.

## 18 Apartments, 3 to 5 Stores

Naughton's preliminary plan calls for construction of a complex that would contain 18 apartments on the top three floors: 14 two-bedroom units, 2 to 3 three-bedroom units, and 1 or 2 one-bedroom apartments. As newly built residential units, they would not fall under the city's rent stabilization ordinance and thus would command market rents—although two of the apartments would be reserved for moderate-income families in compliance with city law. An underground parking garage would be excavated to accommodate 32 cars—18 allocated for residents, with the remaining available for lease. Three to five retail shops would occupy the ground floor.

At a Friends of Noe Valley meeting on March 8, architect Warner Schmalz said the development's architectural style would fit the existing character of 24th Street and its eclectic makeup of two- to four-story structures. Schmalz, a prominent Bay Area architect and principal with the firm Forum Design, described a building that featured a contemporary design with "Victorian references," including bay windows and gabled roofs.

In an effort to address concerns that the building is too bulky, Schmalz said the top story would be set back eight feet on the 24th Street side, to give the illusion of a structure only three stories high. A pedestrian walkway leading to an arcade of shops might also soften the façade.

There may be other revisions as well, said Naughton, whose identity initially was kept private, as Schmalz and land use attorney Claire Pilcher of Noe Valley delivered the early public presentations.

"We'll take a look at all the issues that were raised [at the various meetings] and see what we can do," Naughton told the Voice.

## Friends Want Project Downsized

At the end of the March 8 meeting, Friends president Dave Monks, summarizing for the group, cited a litany of objections—and suggestions. "We want it [the building] set back more from 24th Street. We want smaller retail spaces, and

we don't want the fourth floor. Remember, this will affect not only the neighbors behind the building, but will reduce the sun on 24th Street, which has Martha's and the [Manhattan] bagel shop where people sit and have coffee every morning. Also, this housing is going to be expensive," Monks added. "It's not really affordable housing."

A number of residents also voiced strong sentiment for making Dan's over into a public parking lot—which the Noe Valley Ministry said it is prepared to do should Naughton's contract falls through. Naughton has not closed escrow on the purchase, which apparently is contingent upon him getting the necessary approvals to develop the site.

## Presbyterians Prefer Parking

The Ministry's backup bid was made by a group of wealthy Presbyterian donors who "are committed to helping small urban churches around the country," said church pastor Keenan Kelsey. Little is known about the donors, who prefer anonymity—and not even Kelsey knows who they are.

"Their proposal is to purchase the building and give the Ministry 40 percent ownership and create a parking lot." The lot would provide Sunday parking for the church and hourly weekday parking for the public, said Kelsey. The Sanchez Street church, located two blocks away from Dan's, has a 50-member congregation but often attracts 200-capacity crowds to community events, including the heralded Noe Valley Music Series.

"I don't know if it will come to fruition, but it's pretty exciting," said Kelsey, the Ministry's pastor for the past two years. "And frankly, we can dream. If we had this property, it would initially be a flat parking lot. But I can see, down the road, partnering with the city or with Network Ministry to put in some truly affordable housing over this parking lot."

The Ministry's bid has the enthusiastic support of Robert Roddick, an attorney and president of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association, who said members were unhappy with the proposal Naughton's team presented to them. Parking is "really bad on 24th Street. That's all the merchants talk about. There's not enough parking for customers," Roddick said. "I think this is an ideal way for a church and community center to serve its neighbors, and we support that."

Pilcher, however, said the Naughton purchase was a virtual lock to close escrow—and that the veteran developer was focused on "possible changes [in the plan] to meet neighborhood requirements." And the community indeed wants considerable revisions—if reckoned by the fears and passions raised at the Friends meeting and an earlier gathering of merchants and professionals.

## Environmental Questions

Consider the environmental saga of Roberta and Maurice McGowan. Since 1976, they have owned a Vicksburg Street home whose backyard is adjacent to Dan's garage. The couple, who have two teen daughters, had battled with Dan's owners for years to remove or bury toxic chemicals stemming from underground gas tanks that had ruptured in the 1980s. Now, the McGowans remain wary of what an underground garage portends.

"We lived with this cleanup for 11 years.... We just got rid of one toxin," Roberta McGowan said of the contaminated soil that was buried over, "and now they're going to vent [carbon monoxide] from underground parking for 32 cars at my kitchen window." At the very least, McGowan said, she wants the car fumes dispersed through vents scattered around the development rather than concentrated at a single location near her backyard. "We've reached our limit," she said.

Jean Roby lives on Jersey Street directly behind Dan's garage—and was one of the first residents when her six-unit apartment building was constructed in 1964. From the top floors of the proposed apartment development, new residents would enjoy beautiful, unobstructed southern panoramas—including direct views into Roby's downslope home.

"I'm not happy," said Roby. "They'll be looking into my living room and my bedroom, and I don't want to keep my drapes closed all the time. I feel I'd have absolutely no privacy."

Historian Jeannene Przyblyski of the Collingwood Hill Neighborhood Association said Noe Valley needs additional apartment housing for residents who can't afford the neighborhood's gilded home prices. And the 24th Street commercial strip is probably the best location for a dense apartment complex—since the residential streets have mostly single-family homes. But Przyblyski said the Naughton design is less than ideal, and suggested that the structure be pulled back more from the street and the retail space be made more inviting. Otherwise, the building could end up resembling Cassidy's development, with long, narrow shops that "feel like caves."

That Naughton's proposed complex had a fortress-like quality was a persistent complaint—and some at the Friends meeting called it a "monster building."

## Keep Shops Small, Say Merchants

Because of the city's preference for new construction to conform with other nearby buildings, Pilcher said Naughton could provide only a "minor setback" from the sidewalk. But she said the developer has agreed to carve up the 4,950 square feet of ground-floor space into three to five shops—with a maximum 2,500 square feet for any one store. Residents "don't want to have any large spaces that would facilitate a chain-style

store, and [we] are in agreement with that," Pilcher said.

The Noe Valley Merchants Association, however, prefers stores no larger than 1,250 square feet. "If they are going to be larger than that, we are going to be adamantly opposed to the project as a matter of policy," Roddick said.

Look for Naughton to present any revisions to concerned Noe Valleyans this month or next. Then it's on to public hearings before City Planning officials, who ultimately will decide Dan's fate. At any rate, the long saga of Dan's garage is coming to an end more than 70 years after the business was first established. It now awaits a new vision and new soul. □



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## Newsom and Co. Acquire 24th Street Wine Shop

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months before putting their imprimatur on Caruso's, a neighborhood fixture located at 4011 24th Street (between Noe and Castro) since the dry era of Prohibition more than seven decades ago.

"We don't want to be too dramatic," Newsom said. "I'd like to marry the two. We want to respect [Caruso's] tradition and past, and at the same time update it."

PlumpJack is exactly the kind of quality organization that Kerr hoped would take over Caruso's, the store owner said.

In only a few years, PlumpJack has achieved wide distinction for offering fine wining and dining. In 1992, the organization opened PlumpJack Wines in Cow Hollow, followed by two upscale restaurants, PlumpJack Cafe and the Balboa Cafe. The firm also owns a winery in Napa Valley and the Squaw Valley Inn at Lake Tahoe. This year, PlumpJack is opening a wine store and restaurant at Lake Tahoe, another restaurant on Fillmore Street (in the old Pierce Street Annex), as well as the Noe Valley retail wine venture.

"We have tremendous respect for the type of business they run," Kerr said of PlumpJack, which was one of three groups interested in purchasing Caruso's. "We didn't want it to become the kind of business with Lotto machines and half pints of vodka."

Kerr, a wine consultant, and partner Al Carlson, a plumber, bought Caruso's in 1993. They were only the fourth owners of the business, founded by a local Caruso family shortly after the 1920-1933 prohibition against making and selling alcoholic beverages ended. The store still has a number of circa 1930s mementos and has kept its original telephone number—ATwater 2-3841.

Under Kerr and Carlson, Caruso "staked its claim" on quality wines priced under \$10 a bottle—even as prices for popular premium wines escalated to the point where \$20 price tags became routine. The store also carried a unique selection of wines from around the world. Kerr helped customers make the proper choice to accompany meals, and he frequently got invited to their dinner parties. But, Kerr laments, the long weekday and

weekend hours of a small, independent merchant, and San Francisco's insane housing prices, have taken their toll.

"My family and I couldn't buy a house here," said Kerr, who is married with a 4-year-old child. "We could in Boston ... and we'll be on a plane as soon as the deal is done." Kerr said his partner, Carlson, already has returned full-time to his licensed plumbing business.

"I put a lot of blood, sweat, and tears into this business. It's going to be hard for me to say goodbye," said Kerr, who was known for handing out treats to customers' dogs and helping to raise money for local causes.

Several years ago, Caruso's held a series of wine tastings to raise money for the Noe Valley Ministry's successful "Save the Roof" campaign. The tastings took in approximately \$1,200, raising "more money than any other single merchant on this street," Kerr said.

Caruso's was a frequent donor to both private and public school auctions, contributing expensive wines such as 1992 Quivira Zinfandel and 1990 Chateau Tayac. "We donated to 15 or 16 different schools," including Wind in the Willows preschool, Alvarado Elementary School, and James Lick Middle School, he said.

Civic responsibility, good customer service, and competitive prices will continue with the new owners, said Newsom.

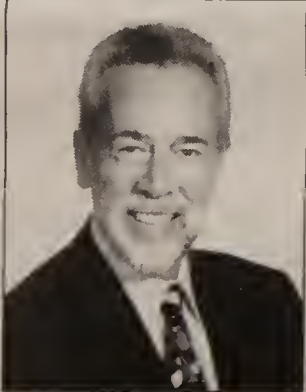
"So much of what has driven our success in the Marina is value, and that is precisely what we want to duplicate in Noe Valley," Newsom said. He promises his inventory will be heavy on "wines under \$15 and down to \$10, if possible."

Newsom said he liked the diversity of Caruso's selection. Still, he said PlumpJack wants "a little bit more depth," and thus plans to add "a lot of the small production wineries from all over the world."

The new owners, however, don't plan to ignore wine collectors. "We will definitely have a great selection of higher-end wines that are difficult to come by. One of [our] advantages is that we're able to get our hands on wines that others cannot."

Newsom said the new owners also would continue Caruso's civic-mindedness. "We do an extraordinary amount of charitable work. We give a tremendous amount of our time and profits to community groups," said Newsom, noting that a recent PlumpJack golf tournament netted in excess of \$100,000 for charities.

"That's a big part of what we do," he said. □



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## It's Been a Year of Raves for *Groove*

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who had been desperately searching Noe Valley for housing). He also started going to raves, all-night dance parties held in clandestine locations around town, with music electronically programmed by deejays. He rented a room in a house on 28th Street known in rave circles as "the Blue Cube," for its small, boxy (and yes, blue) appearance. "I lived very simply," says Harrison. "I bought bulk foods at Rainbow Grocery, ate beans and rice, and scraped by for over a year, writing every day and trying to develop my voice."

Mostly he wrote in coffee shops—Martha's on Duncan and Church, and later at Spinelli's on Irving Street. It was at Spinelli's that he worked on the treatment for *Groove*.

"I would go to my 'office' every day," Harrison says, "and plug in my laptop. I figured eventually they'd notice I was buying just one cup of coffee and staying there for six hours." (Actually, they got a kick out of the situation and started supplying him with free coffee.)

He finished the first draft of *Groove* in 1997 and began looking for financing. He approached the producers he had met in L.A., but it became apparent that "although they all wanted to do a youth culture rave movie, they didn't want to do the movie I was interested in. They wanted to add a gun or a drug overdose. I just wanted to present the rave scene in an authentic light."

*Groove* does deal with drug use, sex, and a police bust—which basically come with the territory—but mainly it explores the personal relationships and experiences of the rave revelers during their long night of experimentation and techno-partying.

Trying to raise funds was, as Harrison remembers it, "extremely daunting." He was an artist, not an entrepreneur. Still, he and Renfrew managed to sell shares in their newly formed company, mostly to under-30 types in both the Internet and rave communities. He made his investors limited partners, with no creative say in how the film was made. Most people invested money, though some donated office space and equipment in return for profit participation.

Despite being novices at going after venture capital, the two partners managed to raise what turned out to be the budget for the movie—\$200,000—in a year's time. (P.S. The investors later realized a profit of about 43 percent before the film even hit theaters.)

With the money in place, casting was carried out in Los Angeles and San Francisco. The young performers, including Lola Glaudini (*NYPD Blue*), Rachel True (*The Craft*), Denny Kirkwood (*Never Been Kissed*), and newcomers MacKenzie Forgens and Hamish Linklater have received uniformly good reviews. Extras were pulled right out of the local rave milieu and were paid in pizza. The internationally famous deejays—Wish FM, John Digweed, Polywog—all played themselves.

Making *Groove* in August–September of 1999 was a well-planned, tightly scheduled adventure. Main photography was completed in just 24 days. "In general, independent filmmaking is like a war," Harrison maintains, "and 24 days doesn't afford you a lot of leisure time." All the scenes were storyboarded ahead of time, and shots were executed as quickly as possible, often in one or two takes—not easy when most of the cast were not professional actors.

Remarkably, there were few logistical problems during shooting. But one incident happened a mere two days before

production began: Almost the entire wardrobe for the 20-person cast was stolen from the warehouse set (Pier One at Fort Mason). Ironically, as Harrison was telling two of his cast members that rehearsals would have to be postponed because of the theft, they informed him they'd just been offered clothing for sale—including some of their own costumes for the film!—in the Haight-Ashbury District. Police quickly recovered the missing wardrobe from the used clothing stores and got the names and addresses of the thieves as well.

On the second day of shooting, what Harrison describes as "a very San Francisco event" occurred. An earthquake shook the building, shutting down production for half a day. Ever the filmmaker, Harrison laughs, "I was half hopping the camera was rolling at the time. But unfortunately we were between takes."

Besides Pier One, his crew shot on Fillmore Street, China Basin, and for four hours on the Bay Bridge. They also captured a slice of Noe Valley.

"I really wanted somebody in the film to be from Noe Valley," says Harrison, so he created two characters who would get lost trying to find the rave site. The exterior of their apartment was shot near Chloe's Cafe, at the corner of 26th and Church streets.

In addition to the staged scenes, Harrison and cinematographer Matthew Irving did some guerrilla-style shooting on their own. One night they grabbed a shot of a partygoer on the Muni underground carrying a huge, mirrored disco ball.

"Going to raves is a very urban experience," says Harrison, "and there's a certain color palette, which I've noticed when sneaking around the city at night, that comes from the sodium vapor streetlights." All the night exteriors were lit with gelled lights that simulated the warm, orangeish glow of the streetlights.

Harrison and Irving also agreed on a camera style, which starts out static and well framed, then as the night continues and the excitement increases, the super-16mm, hand-held camera moves in and out of the dancers. The camera is next set on a moving dolly, so that it floats around the scene, then goes onto a crane above the crowd, and in the final sequence, "breaks through a time barrier where everything goes into slow motion." This progression was intended to demonstrate both the intense energy of the music and dancing and its calm elegance as well; Harrison describes it as "an odd grace amidst the chaos."

When the party ends and the sun comes up, everything changes, including the characters themselves.

"Often when you leave a rave, you feel like you're entering back into reality," notes Harrison. "We wanted the morning-after scenes to have a real clarity and a kind of normalcy in the visual style."

Postproduction for *Groove* took place in L.A., at the studios of one of the film's investors. Harrison edited for only 2½ weeks ("an insane schedule!"), but the rough-cut was accepted into Sundance. Then, he had just six weeks to finalize production.

Richard Hymns, who won an Oscar for sound editing on *Saving Private Ryan* and *Jurassic Park*, was hired on as sound consultant. Wade Hampton's S.F.-based recording label Domestic Recordings supervised the soundtrack. The film was blown up to 35 mm and arrived in Park City, Utah, a scant three days before its first scheduled screening.

The audience reaction on the three days the film was shown at Sundance was loud and enthusiastic: "Through the roof," Harrison exults, "dancing in the aisles, standing ovations, and general *Groove* mania in the streets."

After its theatrical release, critics praised the film for capturing the under-

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ground rave community in the same way *American Graffiti* portrayed the end of the 1950s youth scene. "Unlike other films built around electronica song scores," the *New York Times* wrote, "*Groove* settles assuredly into a spartan look at the world of the rave." The *S.F. Weekly* applauded the movie's "thoroughly likable characters...occasionally beleaguered by self-doubt and bad party directions, but never by the slightest hint of meanness, stupidity, or violence."

A writer for the *New Yorker* observed the "blast of sheer happiness that movie audiences should bring their own glow sticks to wave joyously in the air."

Close to a year later, Harrison is still reeling from all the media frenzy. But thanks to the Sony sale, he and Renfrew are now ensconced in their new production offices, Map Point Pictures, in the South of Market area. They plan to produce commercials and music videos and are currently working on a film written by Garry Trudeau. Harrison describes the script as a story about "government-level, tax-funded, experimental disease research—which could not be more different than *Groove*."

He is often asked, especially on his web site ([www.groovethemovie.com](http://www.groovethemovie.com)), if he plans a sequel to *Groove*, but he insists that it was a personal project which just worked out perfectly as a first film—"because I was writing about what I knew, and it was a way for me to process that experience and put it in perspective."

It is an astonishing feat. *Groove* has been shown in theaters all over the world, and has been nominated for an Independent Spirit Award for Best Film under \$500,000. The soundtrack has sold well, and the video rental market opened up last fall. (Go rent it, if you haven't already.)

Harrison characterizes the journey as "an amazing experience, a dream come true." But he swears, "We didn't have time to think about any of it, we were just trying to survive."

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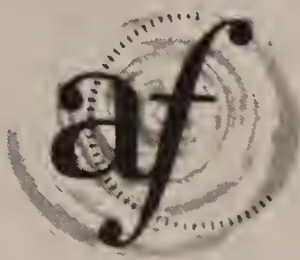
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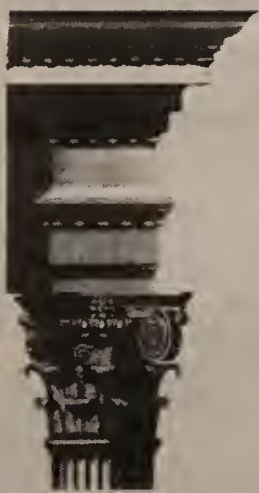
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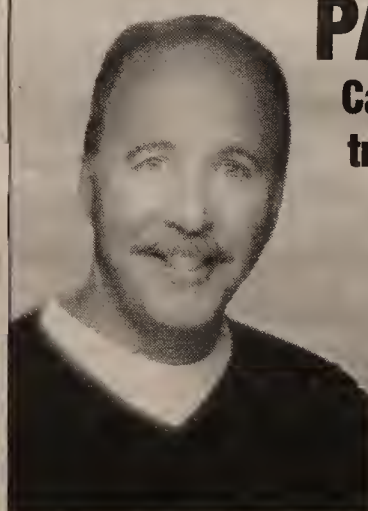
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## LETTERS

### Quiet Those Barking Dogs

Editor:

I read with interest the letter "Beware of Dog Death Threats," published in the March 2000 Voice. Although I don't condone the threats, my sympathies lie with the sender of the threats. I noticed that the dog owner carefully omits any details of their dog(s)' behavior, especially regarding barking. They also don't say whether there have been any peaceful attempts to resolve the situation.

I live on Clipper between Diamond and Douglass. In recent years, several irresponsible dog owners have moved onto the block. They let their dogs bark loudly and incessantly at all hours of the night and early morning. I have been a volunteer for the S.F. SPCA for 12 years, and love all animals. But I draw the line at being awakened from a sound sleep by hysterical dogs yapping morning and night.

I would appreciate any suggestions from dog owners and others, as to the best way to resolve this kind of problem. I would also like some insight into the minds of these owners that think its okay for their dogs to constantly disturb the peace. Thank you.

K. Katz  
 Via e-mail

### Leno Leaves Out Schools

Editor:

Although I generally support Supervisor Mark Leno, I was greatly discouraged by the recently published interview [March 2001]. Why is it that Supervisor Leno is familiar with the facts of dog ownership in Noe Valley, but not with the statistics

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about children living in the neighborhood? It is children, not dogs, who will eventually provide the tax base to fund Supervisor Leno's retirement, sex change operations for city employees, and other programs he endorses.

Curious he isn't enraged by the awful neighborhood schools. Moreover, has it occurred to him that if the Noe Valley schools were decent, people would purchase homes here for that reason, and not because of the neighborhood's proximity to a freeway. Perhaps that would dampen the desire for inappropriate monster homes.

Finally, if neighborhood schools were decent, fewer cars would be needed to drive children to distant school locations. Aren't there issues more important than dogs that really affect everyone's future?

S. Kundig  
 Duncan Street

## Getting It Right For Our Readers

This column would be on Spring Break for this issue if our newly humbled editor didn't have to apologize to the Culpeper family of Noe Valley for misspelling their name in the last issue. He says he "regrets the error," and he is being punished.



We hope that Mary (left) and daughter Cyndie will still toast the Voice and forgive.

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## District 8 Street Cleaners Proud of Their Work

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children now live in South San Francisco, he still has a soft spot for the neighborhood where he grew up. He was raised on Church Street, attended St. Paul's Elementary, and married wife Patricia in St. Paul's Church.

"I really take a lot of pride in maintaining this district," he says. "Citizens show a lot of concern here."

Bruce's workday begins at 6 a.m., when he meets his crew at DPW's Bureau of Street Environmental Services dispatch office on Cesar Chavez Street. He reviews the day's assignments with the crew members, who gather up their work supplies and take off in four white DPW litter-patrol trucks. By 6:30 a.m., Bruce and his crew are on the road in District 8 for most of the day until their 3 p.m. quitting time. Bruce keeps in constant communication with the dispatch office, which calls to alert him of any calls or complaints from neighbors.

All complaints are logged into the computer, given an ID number, and passed along to Bruce and his crew. Once his crew has cleaned up the problem, Bruce alerts a dispatch operator to update the status in the computer.

"People can call us about trash at 28-CLEAN 24 hours a day," says Bruce. "We promise that all problems will be taken care of within 24 hours—but hopefully it'll be a whole lot quicker than that."

The District 8 crew's first stop of the day is usually one of three "hot spots"—areas that gather the most trash overnight. These are the intersection of Church and Market (near the Muni stops); the intersection of Castro, Market, and 17th; and the lookout on Twin Peaks. "Kids and tourists go up there every night, and by morning there is always a load of trash all over the place," says Bruce.

After spending at least an hour or two on the hot spots, Bruce and his crew move on to their other assignments, which can include anything from cleaning a cement or oil spill, picking up an illegally dumped broken TV, or collecting scattered pages of the *Bay Guardian* and *S.F. Weekly* blowing around near the 24th and Castro bus stop. The crew also gets many calls asking that they clean up after homeless people, who have urinated or defe-



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*Photo by Pamela Gerord*

cated on streets and in front of stores.

Throughout the day, Bruce and his crew patrol up and down the streets of District 8, from Duboce to 24th to Chenery, trying to keep streets and handicapped ramps debris-free.

"We deal with quite a bit of illegal dumping," says Bruce. "Not too much in Noe Valley, although at the top of Alvarado Street a couple of weeks ago, someone had dumped all sorts of garbage which we got a call to pick up. There's also a lot of illegal dumping around Guerrero at 15th and 16th. We pick up a lot of old couches around there."

"Refrigerators are another big problem," Bruce continues. "If we get a call about a refrigerator, we attend to that immediately. It's a huge safety issue if a refrigerator has been dumped with its door still on, because kids will see it on the street and get inside to play and then close the door and suffocate. We always go immediately if there's a dumped refrigerator and bust off the door, to make it safe until Sunset Scavenger comes to pick it up."

If Bruce finds a name and address among illegally dumped debris (yes, believe it or not, people do dump correspondence and junk mail), he contacts one of the environmental control officers for District 8,

so they can follow up and possibly cite the person. Often, though, people dump yard cuttings, wood, and other kinds of debris that carry no identification.

Except for the bus stops at 24th and Castro and 24th and Church, Bruce says, "Noe Valley is pretty clean as far as a city neighborhood goes."

"We just see pretty common trash—small items, coffee cups," he explains. "The four catch basins in the sewer grates at the intersections of Castro and 24th are monitored throughout the day because people waiting for the bus throw a lot of

junk in the street, and then it blows into the basins. We try to make sure there aren't any plastic bags covering the basins or newspapers stuck in them so they don't get stopped up."

Bruce encourages all Noe Valley residents to participate in a special District 8 Cleanup, to be held on four Saturdays in June. Each month, San Francisco's Community Clean Team, comprised of city government officials, the nonprofit Clean City Coalition, and neighborhood groups

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## District 8's Street Cleaning Brigade

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and residents, selects one of the 11 districts and tackles its garbage and graffiti while cleaning up and beautifying the parks, buildings, and schoolyards.

Typically, the first and fourth Saturday of the month are devoted to the district's trashiest areas. The second Saturday of the month focuses on graffiti removal, and the third Saturday of the month is devoted to the cleanup of neighborhood parks, landscaping, and tree planting.

"But there's no reason Noe Valley has to wait until June to get organized," says Bruce. "People really need to take a hands-on approach if they want their neighborhood to look better than it already does."

He's a big advocate of DPW's Adopt-a-Street Program, a partnership between San Francisco, its merchants, and residents in which groups or individuals agree to adopt a street or an area and take responsibility for keeping it clean. DPW

will provide the group with the necessary supplies and also will collect any litter that is picked up. The program began in late 1998 and has over 1,000 participants, including Small Frys kids' clothing store, the Friends of Noe Valley, Starbucks on 24th Street, Edison Charter Academy, Alvarado Elementary School, and James Lick Middle School.

"I really take pride in this neighborhood," says Bruce. "I love this city. I love this job, and it's an honor to keep up the area I grew up in."

For information on the Adopt-a-Street Program, call 98-ADOPT. To report problems with litter, illegal dumping, or a 24-hour emergency, call 28-CLEAN. If you have any complaints or questions regarding graffiti, call the Graffiti Hotline at 241-WASH. To reach Kenny Bruce, call 695-2017.

To comment on street cleaning and graffiti issues in District 8 and to read what your neighbors think, visit DPW's web site at [www.sfdpw.com](http://www.sfdpw.com) and click on the Neighborhood E-Forum. □

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#### REAL ESTATE

### Making Sense Of the Market

*By Richard Meyerson, Zephyr Real Estate*

The current economic slow down, a declining stock market, and lay-offs in the formerly high flying internet community are having an effect on the San Francisco real estate market.

So far it's manifesting itself in a decline in the number of transactions, rather than in declining sales prices. A comparison of the Multiple Listing Statistics citywide for all types of properties for January 2000 and for January 2001 provides ample illustration.

Year	No. of Sales Transactions	Aver. Sales Price	Median Sales Price	% of Ask Received
2000	750	\$580,837	\$419,500	150%
2001	337	\$777,366	\$575,000	104%

Whether the decline in volume will be followed by a softening of prices would seem to depend on the ratio of listed properties to buyers in any given price category. The past few years have seen a

"high end" market fueled by the stock market and the dot.com economy. Since both of these sectors are in decline right now, it makes sense to conclude that this may be the most impacted segment of the market.

The most active sector seems to be the lower and mid range of the market, with the homes priced at the upper end more impacted by the uncertainty of the economy.

The lower and mid range priced homes still need to be priced very attractively. Buyers that sense a "bargain" price, often flock to those homes, driving the prices up to market value (and above) through competition. Many sellers are concerned about pricing their property "too low", but it remains the best strategy for selling in this market. Properties priced at "market value" are often being ignored and not receiving offers. A seller is not obligated to take the list price. The list price can be, and often is, a "teaser" to attract competing buyers. However, if the property is not significantly below the market, it may not get competition.

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'Great Time to Look for Housing'

A three-bedroom, two-bath condo on the 1100 block of Dolores Street sold for \$1.2 million in February. "I'd say that's the highest-priced condo in recent memory, and possibly ever," said Randall Kostick of Zephyr Real Estate, the Voice's source for data on home sales in Noe Valley. Another standout in the February sweepstakes was a four-bedroom, five-bath house on the 1600 block of Diamond Street, which changed hands for \$1.3 million.

However, Noe Valley home prices may have peaked. "I don't think any of the stats show that prices are going down," said Kostick. "They just don't show them going up anymore."

One reason may be that there are more properties for sale. "There's a fair amount of inventory available," Kostick said in late March. "In fact, it's a great time for buyers. If you ever wanted to get into the real estate market, now is your opportunity."

Renters are getting some relief as well, perhaps due to recent layoffs in the dot-com world. "I'm hearing that rents have gone down. Not only are there more vacancies, but landlords can't get the prices they were getting a few months ago," said Kostick. "Nobody's got \$3,500 to spend on an apartment anymore!"

David Grabstald, assistant marketing manager at Rent Tech Inc., concurred. "Noe Valley remains one of the most popular places to live in San Francisco, but average rents have decreased to some degree—maybe by a few hundred dollars," he said. Like Kostick, Grabstald believes now is a great time to look for an apartment. "We are definitely getting more listings, and landlords are calling in to decrease the amount they're charging for rent. Also, maybe they'll offer parking, or maybe they'll allow a pet."

—Sally Smith

Noe Valley House Sales – February 2001\*

Total Sales (Closings During Month)	Low Price (\$)	High Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	Average Days on Market	Sale Price As % of List Price
Single-family homes					
7	475,000	1,325,000	903,285	27	106%
Condominiums					
4	504,645	1,250,000	803,661	29	108%
2 to 4 unit buildings					
4	567,500	2,150,000	1,116,875	57	103%

Noe Valley House Sales – January 2001\*

Total Sales (Closings During Month)	Low Price (\$)	High Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	Average Days on Market	Sale Price as % of List Price
Single-family homes					
9	589,000	1,295,000	817,111	22	120%
Condominiums					
2	750,000	825,000	787,500	8	109%
2 to 4 unit buildings					
4	650,000	1,115,000	871,250	32	106%

Noe Valley House Sales – December 2000\*

Total Sales (Closings During Month)	Low Price (\$)	High Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	Average Days on Market	Sale Price As % of List Price
Single-family homes					
8	500,000	1,800,001	850,625	60	113%
Condominiums					
4	575,000	1,110,000	901,250	17	107%
2 to 4 unit buildings					
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Noe Valley Rents\*\*

Apartment Size	Average Rents (July–September 2000)	Average Rents (October–December 2000)	% Increase (+) or Decrease (–)
Studio	\$ 1,194 / mo.	\$ 1,273 / mo.	+ 6.6%
1 bedroom	2,056 / mo.	1,913 / mo.	– 7.0%
2 bedrooms	2,908 / mo.	2,790 / mo.	– 4.1%
3 or more bedrooms	3,857 / mo.	4,085 / mo.	+ 5.9%

\*Information provided to the Noe Valley Voice courtesy of Zephyr Real Estate ([www.zephyr-re.com](http://www.zephyr-re.com)) and based on all Noe Valley home sales (closings) recorded during the month. "Noe Valley" in this survey is defined as the area bordered by Grand View, 22nd, Guerrero, and 30th streets.

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# Say Aloha to Ozoa—Our Guy At City Hall

By Kathy Dalle-Molle

"Working in the Office of Neighborhood Services for three months is equal to a year anyplace else," says Lawrence Ozoa. "I've only been here seven months, so I'm still fresh."

That's lucky for Noe Valley residents, as the energetic Ozoa, 28, is our man in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, as well as the liaison for the Castro, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, and other neighborhoods in District 8.

Each day, Ozoa hears complaints from 30 to 50 neighbors about problems ranging from homeless camps and illegal drug use to unlawful condo conversions and lack of parking, not to mention stinky restaurant trash and dogs pooping on the sidewalk. He then works as a go-between with the residents and city government to help find solutions to the problems ailing District 8.

Believe it or not, this is a dream job for the nattily dressed, perfectly coifed Ozoa, who was born and raised on the North Shore of Oahu, Hawaii. Despite the idyllic setting, he endured a tough childhood, living on welfare with his single-parent mother. In his teens, Ozoa turned to drugs and alcohol and drifted the streets for more than a year.

By the time he came to San Francisco in 1996, he had been clean and sober for three years. He planned to visit the city for 12 days on his way to Las Vegas to start an events management business with a friend. But his friend bailed on him, so, with no job prospects and only \$1,500 to his name, he scrapped his Las Vegas plans and decided to move to San Francisco.

"This is a city where anything can happen," Ozoa says. "You have a dream, and if you put some hard work behind it, you can make it happen."

He soon landed a job as a case manager for the Native American AIDS Project on Market Street, where he worked for two years. Later, he became the HIV prevention coordinator at LYRIC, a nonprofit on Collingwood that serves gay and lesbian youth. Then last year, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services came calling.

"They were looking for a gay Filipino who lives in District 8 with a public policy background, as well as experience working with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. I fit the bill,"



To keep his finger on the pulse of District 8, Lawrence Ozoa (right) often walks the streets, chatting with store owners like Joseph Eadeh of the 24th Street Cafe. Photo by Pamela Gerard

he laughs. "In Neighborhood Services, we need to be able to work with all members of our community, from the disenfranchised to those people who make \$200,000 a year."

Ozoa's workdays are crammed with meetings, phone calls, e-mails, and walkabouts in District 8. He arrives at his cramped, cluttered cubicle from his Duboce Triangle apartment by 8 a.m. most mornings. The first hour of the day is spent responding to the 15 or so phone calls or e-mail messages left for him overnight. (That number can shoot up to 50 if there's a controversial issue in the news, such as the transgender health benefits legislation recently sponsored by Supervisor Mark Leno.)

When we interviewed him in mid-March, he also was deep into planning the city's yearly domestic partners commitment ceremony on March 29. In his off hours, Ozoa is working toward his B.A. in public administration, attending the University of San Francisco at night. He'll graduate next February and plans to go on to law school.

Ozoa also helps out Mark Leno's office with constituent work. "There are a lot of passionate people in San Francisco who feel strongly about a lot of issues," says Ozoa. "I work with every city department to try to handle problems for people in my district. Sometimes it might take a while and then people think I'm not really doing anything for them, but they have to understand that I can only move as fast as a particular city department does."

"Neighbors should always feel free to call and talk to me," he continues. "When I am at my desk and not in a meeting with

someone, I always answer my phone."

He points to an 8 1/2-by-11 piece of white paper hanging above his desk. "Attention to detail. Answer the phone," the sign says.

"Those are the words to live by in this department," Ozoa explains. "Our director, Bevan Dufty, really emphasizes that all the time—"Attention to detail. Answer the phone"—so I typed up this sign and put it over my desk as a constant reminder to myself."

Most days, Ozoa doesn't finish his job until well into the evening hours. On the day he talked with the *Voice*, he said his workday wouldn't end until 9 p.m. He spent the morning responding to phone calls and e-mails and then attending a planning meeting for the domestic partners ceremony. In the early afternoon, he wrote several proclamations and condolence letters on behalf of the mayor. After our interview, he was leaving City Hall to meet with community leaders about housing issues. Then he was off to a 5 p.m. board meeting for the Native American AIDS Project, followed by another meeting with one of the city's art commissioners about raising funds for the domestic partners ceremony. He planned to end his day by attending two neighborhood meetings in District 8.

Ozoa confesses he hasn't spent as much time on issues in Noe Valley and Glen Park as he'd like to, mostly because there have been more pressing issues in the Castro, particularly regarding homelessness, crime, and drug use. He spends time each week on the streets of District 8, speaking with homeless residents. "I

know many of them by name. I'd say I've given my card to 80 percent of them."

Still, he wants Noe Valley residents to know that he is only a phone call away.

"Noe Valley is such a great community," Ozoa says. "Neighbors really take care of one another. Right now, the Castro is dealing with a lot of big issues—tourism, big corporations moving in, increases in foot traffic, homelessness, crime, drug use. But I really plan to focus more on Noe Valley and Glen Park in the future. These are the areas I am most proud of in District 8. They are so well maintained."

"I try to be very accessible," he adds. "I don't just want to pacify people. I really want to get an answer for them. Call anytime. Leave me a voicemail at night. Even if you just want to vent. Everybody has a right to vent, although I do welcome thank-you calls too, although I don't expect them."

Most calls he receives from Noe Valley residents are about lack of parking, monster homes, late Muni buses, and litter.

He also receives his share of wacky messages, including those from people who want to speak directly to the mayor about building a new freeway that cuts through the city or those who insist the mayor make cars illegal in town. He frequently picks up his messages in the morning and gets at least one or two fundamentalist gospel recordings about "being saved." The fundamentalist groups target Ozoa because he is the liaison for District 8's large gay and lesbian community.

Although Ozoa says his phone line is always open, he also encourages District 8 residents to try to get to know their community and neighbors more on their own. "I really want to encourage neighbors to take ownership of their block or street. People should attend their community police meetings, and this might sound hokey, but I think there should be more block parties and neighborhood barbecues in San Francisco."

"Noe Valley seems to do some of that," he continues. "It is one of the nicer neighborhoods in San Francisco. I love walking down 24th Street in the morning, coffee in hand, and have people say good morning to me. It's like being in a small town. People still hold the door for you and say, 'You're welcome.' Plus, I love the burgers at Barney's."

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# POLICE BEAT

## It's a Girl!

**M**ission Police Officer Lois Perillo, who has been writing this column for the past 12 years, signed off last month saying she'd be taking an indefinite leave from the *Voice* to welcome her new baby, due in March. We're happy to report the stork arrived: Dorothy Perillo-Dutton was born at 7:53 p.m. on March 10, 2001, weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces. Mom and baby, and Lois' partner, Heather Dutton, are doing fine and wish to thank their Noe Valley extended family for all their well wishes. The *Voice* will try to talk Lois, Heather, and Dorothy into a "More Mouths to Feed" interview in the near future.

In the meantime, we will provide a crime log detailing some of the more significant or unusual incidents occurring in the neighborhood during the prior month. Here's our first installment.

### Theft from Unlocked Vehicle: March 6, 12:20 p.m., 4031 24th Street

A 37-year-old woman flagged down a police officer in front of 4031 24th Street (near Noe) regarding her Coach leather backpack, which had just been stolen from her Volkswagen Cabriolet. The woman had been standing on the sidewalk in front of her open passenger door and was looking across the street. Her backpack, containing a cosmetic bag, tortoise-shell sunglasses, and miscellaneous cosmetics, was on the front floorboard of her Cabriolet. She diverted her attention from the backpack for a minute, and when she looked again, it was gone, so she began searching around the car for it.

The woman was then approached by a 47-year-old man, who informed her that he had just seen a juvenile male, wearing dark pants and a black hooded coat, standing very close to her. The older man said the juvenile appeared to be "extremely nervous" and "up to something."

An officer searched the area, but could not locate the suspect.

Shortly before the officer was flagged down by the woman, he and another officer took a report of a juvenile, matching the description of the theft suspect, who had walked into Wells Fargo Bank at 4023 24th Street. The juvenile in that incident looked around the bank and inquired about where the money was kept.

### Animal Cruelty: March 9, 10:06 p.m., Bell Market parking lot

Three officers responded to a report of a man holding a burning match to the nose of a 6-year-old male golden retriever in front of Bell Market. A man who witnessed and reported the incident had driven into the Bell parking lot and noticed the golden retriever tied to a stone bench outside the market. The witness then went



**Lois Goes Undercover.** Community Police Officer Lois Perillo can be forgiven for being out of uniform here because she's a week or so from having a baby girl (born March 10; see Police Beat). While Perillo is on parental leave, her beat partner, Officer Lorraine Lombardo (right), will be our main woman in blue on the streets of Noe Valley. Photo by Beverly Thorp

inside the market to shop and upon his exit saw the suspect standing near the dog. The witness said the suspect, who was drinking a beer, stamped his foot on the ground next to the dog, causing the dog to become agitated and bark. The suspect then lit a cigarette, and with the lit match tried repeatedly to touch the dog's nose. The dog kept pulling away to avoid the flame.

The witness, disturbed by the suspect's behavior, approached him, and the suspect replied, "I can do whatever the fuck I want with my dog. Where's your badge?" The witness told the suspect he would be calling the police on his cell phone and began dialing. The suspect quickly finished his beer and walked away with the dog, telling the witness, "Too bad you don't have a uniform tonight."

As the officers were en route to Bell Market, police dispatch informed them that the man and the dog were now walking along 24th Street, headed toward Dolores. The officers spotted the suspect near Sanchez Street, walking the dog on a leash. Officers detained the suspect and explained they were investigating a call about a man trying to burn his dog's nose.

The suspect informed the officers he had been in front of Bell and had lit a cigarette with a match. He told officers he held the match to the dog's nose to "teach it to stay away from fire," but had done so only once. He also told them the dog belonged to his parents, who were in Spain for an extended stay. The parents had flown the dog to San Francisco from their residence in New York to be cared for by the suspect, but as his landlord would not permit pets in the building, the dog had been staying across the street from the suspect's apartment with a friend.

Officers searched the suspect for weapons and found a box of cigarettes and a book of matches in his pocket. They then examined the dog, but found no evidence of a burn injury on his nose.

The witness later identified the suspect as the same man he had seen in front of Bell Market and signed a citizen's arrest for animal cruelty. The suspect and dog were then taken to Mission Station for further investigation.

Officers contacted Animal Care and Control, which authorized the release of the dog into the suspect's friend's care with the restriction that the suspect not be allowed custody of the dog at any time. If the stipulation is violated, Animal Care and Control will impound the dog and shelter him until he can be transported to his owners.

The suspect was cited for animal cruelty and released from Mission Station. His friend told police she intended to contact his parents as soon as possible and have them make arrangements to transport the dog back to New York.

### Trespassing: March 14, 9:50 a.m., 3914 24th Street

An officer was sent to 3914 24th Street (near Sanchez) to investigate a dispute between a truck driver and a woman who took the driver's keys out of his vehicle.

The driver informed the officer that he was delivering food to a nearby restaurant, parked his vehicle in front of 3914 24th Street, and left the engine running. He told the officer he had to leave the engine on to keep the food cold in the back of the truck. As he was unloading food from the truck, the woman approached him and demanded he turn off the ignition. The driver told her to leave him alone so he could finish his work. She then allegedly pushed him aside and entered the truck. He ran up to her and told her to get out of the truck. She refused and turned off the ignition. He reached in and turned the ignition on again.

The driver claimed the woman then entered the truck once again and took the keys. She then ran across the street and entered the restaurant where the driver was making his delivery.

The owner of the restaurant said that the woman gave him the keys and said, "He's delivering it to you. It's your responsibility to turn off his refrigerator in the truck." The owner also informed the officer that this was an ongoing problem with the woman and that she and the driver had been involved in other disputes reported to police.

The woman told the officer that the sound of the truck's idling disturbed her

## How to Contact Mission Police Station

Special thanks to Captain Ron Roth of Mission Station for providing the *Voice* with the incident reports used to compile this month's Police Beat. Captain Roth would like all Noe Valley and Mission District residents to know he holds a police-community meeting on topics of mutual concern at Mission Station, 630 Valencia Street, at 6 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for April 24.

In the meantime, if you would like to discuss a crime or safety problem, call Mission Station at 558-5400 or send an e-mail to [SFPDMissionStation@ci.sf.ca.us](mailto:SFPDMissionStation@ci.sf.ca.us). For recent crime stats in the neighborhood, go to the SFPD web site at [www.ci.sf.ca.us/police](http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/police). To report anonymous information on drugs, gangs, and other crime, call the non-traceable Mission Station hotline, 558-5452.

To report a crime in progress, call 911—unless you're using a cell phone. (Cell phone users dialing 911 are automatically routed to the California Highway Patrol.) People using cell phones in the city should call 553-8090 to report an emergency. However, if you are on a freeway and need CHP assistance, continue to call 911.

"peace and privacy." The officer told the woman to notify police if she had any problems with delivery trucks, but she insisted that she would rather do it her way.

The driver signed a citizen's arrest form. The officer made an ID check on the woman and cited her for trespassing.

### Forcible Entry and Burglary of Residence: March 15, between 10:15 a.m. and 3:40 p.m., 1100 Block of Church Street

A wife and husband reported to police that they left their Church Street home at 10:15 a.m., and had secured all windows and locked all doors. When they returned home at 3:40 p.m., they found the front door closed, but no longer locked. They also found a rear window broken and another rear window screen removed and bent. The woman reported that numerous jewelry items, including a gold necklace, were missing from her nightstand.

After investigating, the officer concluded that the unknown suspect entered through an unlocked side door to the couple's backyard and gained access to the rear of their home. The suspect then removed a rear window screen and broke a window to enter the residence. The suspect used the front door of the home to exit.

The husband reported seeing two suspicious people get into a car parked on the 3800 block of 23rd Street. He gave police a license plate number. The officer provided the couple with loss forms to fill out and forwarded his report to Crime Scene Investigations for follow-up. □



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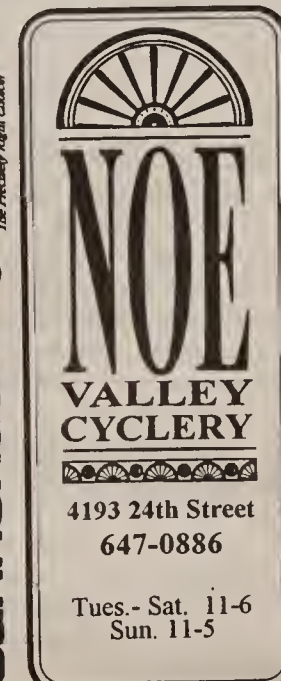
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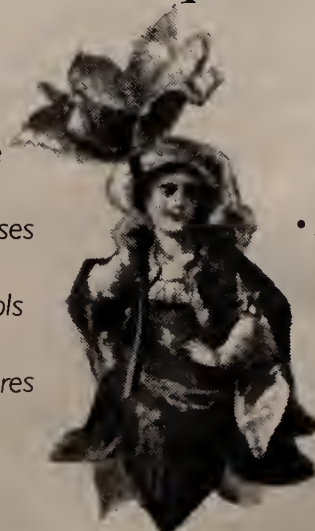
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# Sam's the Man With the Plan

9-Year-Old Collects Tapes  
For Kids in Hospitals

By Doug Konecky

Sam Backer looks like Tom Sawyer without the straw hat. He's a local Noe Valley success story—an entrepreneur with a golden idea to supply books on tape to kids stuck in hospitals awaiting anything from a tonsillectomy to a second cancer surgery.

He's had to tie up a few loose ends, like how to acquire the tapes and the Walkman players to listen to them on, and how to design a little hospital library to keep track of the hardware and software which will have to be manned by volunteers, often a different person each day. This would be a daunting task for any CEO, but Sam has had one more problem: to convince hospital administrators that he is on the level. Sam Backer is 9 years old.

"He's always been like this," says Wendy Backer, Sam's mom, in the family room of the Church Street home the Backers have owned since 1996. "The idea just came to me," Sam says. "When I was sick, I liked to listen to books on tape. It made me feel better."

Wendy and husband Dean, who is a set designer for the *Nash Bridges* show, seem willing to wind Sam up and let him go. Wendy's background is in corporate new business development, and she is helping Sam design the nuts and bolts of the project, but make no mistake about it: Sam is the driving force. It's hard to imagine saying no to this boy.

"Hi, I'm Sam Backer. You're free to come over now," he says on the telephone. I don't think twice.

Sam started by picking a hospital: California Pacific Medical Center (where he was born) with a 30-bed facility for children. Volunteer coordinator Meg Hillie was enthusiastic about Sam's books-on-tape library idea. She had Sam write her a proposal letter. Then she sent him a return letter promising the use of California Pacific to try out his program if he could figure out the details.

Armed with her agreement, Sam started calling large bookstores. He got his first taste of reality when he spoke to Barnes and Noble. They told him they couldn't donate any tapes but that they would sponsor a book fair, taking 90 percent of the profits. "I figured it out," Sam says. "I'd do a lot of work and only make a little money."

Eventually he took his idea to Tracy Wynne at Cover to Cover bookstore on 24th Street, and she showed him how to apply for a grant and get in touch with places like the Listening Library at Random House. In the meantime, Wendy and Sam made contact with Rick Stoff at Audiobook Publishers Association, who donated a box full of children's cassette tapes he had collected. Sam and his mom began cataloging them, including a capsule review of each from information they found on the Internet.

Then the grant came through: On March 10, in a special ceremony at a fancy restaurant, the Northern California Children's Booksellers Association awarded Sam a "Literacy Grant" of \$500, noting that he was the youngest person to ever win such an award.

Other companies gave a little here and a little there, so by late March, Sam had gathered nearly 150 books on tape—or "audiobooks," as they're also known—for kids 0 to 18. With the donation of 25 portable tape players and five boom boxes from Panasonic West, his program ("Listening Kids") was ready to launch.

If it is difficult to keep this in perspective, remember: Sam Backer is in third grade. He loves gardening, collecting gems, snowboarding, and Play Station II. He plays the recorder and loves fooling around with his 1-year-old brother, Miles. But he is also putting in 20 hours a week

on his idea, and is already making plans to branch out to Oakland Hospital when the Cal Pacific program is up and running.

Where does his generous spirit come from? Maybe from his family, or his school (he attends Brandeis Hillel Day School on Brotherhood Way), or maybe it's just plain Sam.

Looking at him, you see a regular kid with an unbelievable smile who looks like he could make a strong run for the Board of Supervisors by fifth grade...if he weren't such a sweetheart of a kid.

"I think he's just got an old soul," Dean Backer says, shaking his head. "He understands things already."

Lots of people have ideas, but Sam has a plan. If you'd like to help out with donations of any kind, including time—drop him an e-mail at [wendellakb@earthlink.net](mailto:wendellakb@earthlink.net). Sam Backer will have you believing very soon that kids of all ages can make a big difference. □



Sam Backer of Church Street, with the full support of his cat Grain, has worked out a deal with a local hospital to start a books-on-tape lending library for kids. He's also talked Panasonic into donating tape players. Now all he needs are your old tapes. Photo by Beverly Thorp

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## Join a Hawaiian Chorus

Musician John Lehrack, who moved to San Francisco from Honolulu eight years ago, often finds himself missing the culture and music of Hawaii. So last July, to bring a little of the Big Island to the City by the Bay, he started *Na Leo Nahenahe* (translation: Sweet Voices), a Hawaiian community chorus for the Bay Area.

The chorus is now 22 voices strong, but still seeking singers. The group, which Lehrack hopes to expand to 100 members, practices every Monday from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at Bethany Methodist Church at the corner of Clipper and Sanchez.

Music is sung in four-part choral arrangements, without instrumental accompaniment, in the tradition of the choral singing of the Kamehameha Schools, a private school system in Hawaii for children of Hawaiian descent.

Although *Na Leo Nahenahe* sings in Hawaiian, Lehrack emphasizes that most members had not spoken or sung a word in Hawaiian before joining the group. "An ability to read music or speak Hawaiian is not required to be part of the chorus—just a love of Hawaii and the desire to make beautiful music in a group setting," says Lehrack, who also serves as pianist at Bethany's Sunday service.

Lehrack says the group has yet to perform before an audience, but he plans to schedule a concert sometime this summer. He encourages all interested singers to come to one of the Monday rehearsals.

For more information, check out the group's web site at [www.naleo.homestead.com](http://www.naleo.homestead.com), or contact Lehrack at 701-7011 or by e-mail at [naleo@bigfoot.com](mailto:naleo@bigfoot.com). Singers in the chorus pay a \$15 monthly fee.

## April SLUG Fest

The San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) is offering five classes on four Saturdays in April on topics ranging from composting to starting a mushroom garden. "Spring is a really exciting season for us," says Sarah McCarthy, outreach coordinator for SLUG. "We're limited about what we can offer in the winter because of weather. But this month, we've got some great classes that teach people tangible, necessary skills, as well as some more specialized things."

On April 7, "Spring Composting" will be offered at SLUG's Garden for the Environment, located on Seventh Avenue at Lawton Street. Amateur gardeners will learn the techniques of composting and how to use it for healthy plants and hardy vegetables and fruits. The class is free and will be held from 10 a.m. to noon.

Also on April 7, "Composting at Alemany Farmers Market" will be taught in both Cantonese and English at 101 Alemany Boulevard. The class is free and will be held from 8 a.m. to noon.

Mushroom fans can learn how to grow culinary and medicinal mushrooms by enrolling in "Starting Your Own Mushroom Garden," taught by Ken Litchfield from the San Francisco Mycological Society on April 14. This class will be held at SLUG's Garden for the Environment, 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$10 for SLUG members; \$15 for non-members.

On April 21, the 21st Century Academy, located on the corner of Revere and Rankin (one block west of Silver Avenue), will be the site of a model school garden, as SLUG explores "School Gardening with Children." The class will cover fun methods for getting children interested in gardening, and will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10 for

SLUG members; \$15 for non-members.

Finishing up the month will be "Community Composting," taught in Cantonese and English on April 28 at SLUG's Garden for the Environment from 10 a.m. to noon. The class is free.

To sign up, call SLUG at 285-7584.

## Award-Winning Poets

April is National Poetry Month, and to celebrate, the Noe Valley-Sally Brunn Library will host two readings by award-winning Bay Area poets.

Marin County poet Kay Ryan, a recent recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts grant and author of five poetry collections, will read at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18. Ryan's collection *Flamingo Watching* was a finalist for the Lamont Poetry Selection and the Lenore Marshall Prize, and her poems have been published in the *New Yorker*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Paris Review*, and *New Republic*.

On Wednesday, April 25, Chana Bloch, a professor of English and director of the Creative Writing Program at Mills College, will read at 7:30 p.m. Bloch is the author of three books of poetry, and her latest, *Mrs. Dumpty*, is the winner of the 1998 Felix Pollak Prize in Poetry and a 1999 California Book Award. Bloch is also co-translator of *Selected Poetry of Yehuda Amichai* and a recipient of a National Endowment fellowship.

The Noe Valley-Sally Brunn Library is located at 451 Jersey Street. For more information, call 695-5095.

## 'American Song' Recital

Noe Valley classical singers Natasha Hoehn and Jennie Ellis, who also happen to be roommates in a Sanchez Street flat, will perform a joint recital of "20th Century American Song" at the Noe Valley Ministry on April 20 at 8 p.m.

Hoehn, 26, and Ellis, 28, both grew up in the East Bay and have been lifelong friends. They met 20 years ago as singers in the San Francisco Girls Chorus. Ellis now works full-time as a soprano, singing with such orchestras as the American Bach Soloists, Seattle Baroque Orchestra, and the Charlotte, North Carolina, Symphony Orchestra.

Hoehn, a mezzo-soprano, is attending the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where she will receive her master's in May. She has performed in operas and recitals at the San Francisco Conservatory, Yale University, and North Bay Opera.

This will be the first time the roommates have sung together professionally, and they selected the American song theme "because we want the music to be accessible to the audience," says Hoehn. "It's also a repertoire neither of us do enough. We spend so much time singing in other languages."

The singers will be accompanied on piano by Susan Soehner, the primary accompanist for the San Francisco Girls Chorus. The recital will include Hoehn and Ellis singing poetry by Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, Paul Bowles, and Tennessee Williams.

In addition to spending a month rehearsing for the recital, Ellis and Hoehn spent several weeks selecting songs for the performance, conducting most of their research at U.C. Berkeley's Music Library, where they plowed through volumes and volumes of sheet music.

"We're really excited about performing at the Ministry," says Ellis. "We only live three doors away, and it has such a nice acoustic. It's fun for us to do something so local at a place that has such a nice casual feel to it."

For more on the recital, contact Natasha Hoehn at 648-6939. Suggested donation for the concert is \$10 per person.



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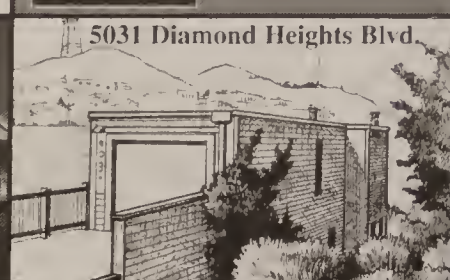
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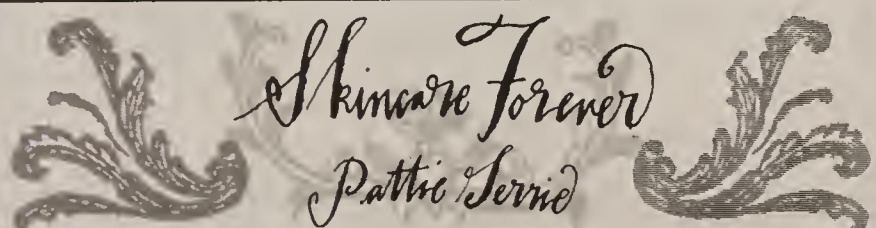


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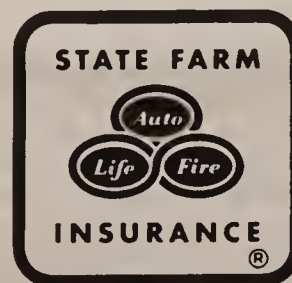
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# SHORT TAKES

## Drag Queens Sing for Church

The San Francisco singing group the Kinsey Sicks, which describes itself as "America's favorite dragappella beauty shop quartet," will perform a concert to benefit the Noe Valley Ministry (Presbyterian Church) on Sunday, April 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. Price of admission is \$15.

The Sicks' four drag queens—Winnie, Rachel, Trixie, and Trampolina—actually sing rather than lip-synch their songs. Their act combines Jewish humor, political savvy, and satire with some "deliciously tasteless schtick." Among the numbers on their 1999 CD *Boyz 2 Girlz*



The Kinsey Sicks, made up of (top to bottom) Winnie (Irwin Keller), Trixie (Maurice Kelly), Rachel (Ben Schatz), and Trampolina (Chris Dille), will perform their inimitable brand of music at an April 22 benefit for the Ministry.

are the theme from *Titanic* ("Why Must Celine Go On?"), "Where the Goys Are," and "Gay Sera Sera," a send-up of Doris Day's message song from the 1950s.

In addition to the show, the church will host a silent auction, offering participants a chance to bid on some *tasteful* items. Desserts and champagne will be served.

The entire evening will help support programs hosted by the Noe Valley Ministry, including the senior lunches, Noe Valley Coop Nursery School, 12-step meetings, and numerous dance and body-work classes. The Noe Valley Ministry is located at 1021 Sanchez Street, near 23rd Street. To purchase tickets, call 282-2317.

## Rummage for Alvarado

Want to get rid of that Nordic Track gathering spider webs in a corner of your bedroom? What about that crockpot or spare game of Yahtzee?

Alvarado Elementary School is looking for hunters, gatherers, and spring cleaners to support its annual rummage sale, to be held Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Alvarado cafeteria, located in the school at 695 Douglass Street.

Alvarado parent Mary O'Grady, who is coordinating the sale, invites neighbors to drop off any items they'd like to donate on Saturday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or on Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Alvarado cafeteria. "Instead of throwing stuff out, bring it to Alvarado," she says. "Furniture, books, rugs, clothes, garden equipment, computers, kids' toys—you name it, we'll take it."

Proceeds from the sale, which last year netted \$3,500, go toward supporting Alvarado's art, music, and theater programs and school field trips.

For more information about the sale, contact Mary O'Grady at 642-9824.

## Healing with Flowers

The Scarlet Sage Herb Co., a local purveyor of medicinal herbs, is kicking off spring with a series of evening classes on topics ranging from plant spirit medicine to herbs for pregnancy and childbirth.

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All classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Scarlet Sage, 1173 Valencia Street. Cost is \$10 per class, and a non-refundable prepayment is required to hold a space.

"Flower Essences from the Alaskan Wilderness" will be taught by Jane Bell, a flower essence practitioner for 17 years, on Thursday, April 5. Bell will present a slide show of the Alaskan wilderness and talk about the unique qualities of Alaskan flowers, plants, and gems.

On Thursday, April 12, herbalist Suzanne Elliott will offer a class, "Gifts from the Garden," in which participants will learn to make flower-infused body oils, facial toners, and dream pillows.

San Anselmo aromatherapist Julia Fischer discusses "Aromatherapy for Women's Health" on Wednesday, April 18. Topics will include menstrual imbalances, vaginal infections, and oils to enhance sensuality.

The following Wednesday, April 25, the topic is "Herbs for Pregnancy and Childbirth." Cindy Belew, a nurse midwife and herbalist, will talk about herbs that can alleviate the discomforts of pregnancy, labor, and delivery.

The class series closes on Wednesday, May 2, with "Herbs for Liver Health," presented by clinical herbalist Donna Odierna. Odierna will explain how nutrition and herbs play a part in keeping a person's liver at optimal function.

For more information about the series, call the Scarlet Sage at 821-0997.

## Earth Day at the Zoo

Have you got a passion for snakes, lizards, and other scaly, slippery reptiles? Are you interested in learning more about conservation and maybe even finding out how a rhinoceros digests food? Then check out these two events at the San Francisco Zoo: the Zoo's first-ever Reptile Festival on Saturday, April 14, and a special Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 21.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 14, the Zoo will present a cornucopia of reptilian activities—including Wildlife Theater presentations, crafts, musical entertainment, and close encounters with lizards, turtles, tortoises, and snakes. The Reptile Festival also marks the formal debut of the Zoo's new 12½-foot-long anaconda in its new underwater quarters at the South American Tropical Forest Building.

On April 21, the Zoo will host the annual Earth Day celebration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The main attraction will be an environmental par course, where visitors can learn about endangered animals, seek out colorful "pop-up" conservation facts throughout the Zoo grounds, visit activity booths focusing on both flora and fauna, and meet the animals and their keepers.

Another special attraction that day will be the Zoo's Avian Conservation Center, which will host a booth providing information on its conservation programs, including the Bald Eagle Recovery Project, which has seen 39 bald eagles successfully released into the wild. Children will have the opportunity to meet one of the live chickens used to incubate eagle eggs.

The San Francisco Zoo is located along Sloat Boulevard at the Pacific Ocean. For more information, call 753-7080 or check out the Zoo's web site at [www.sfzoo.org](http://www.sfzoo.org).

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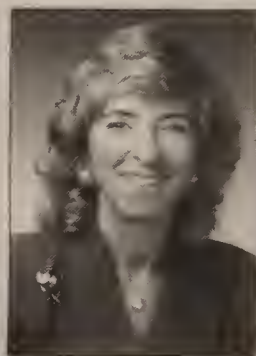
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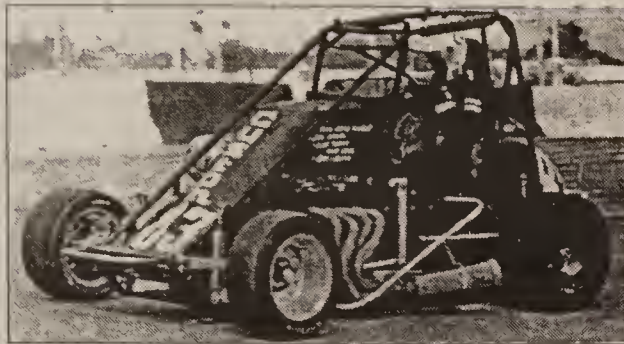




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# APRIL 2001

**MARCH 31:** Italian GUITARISTS Pepino D'Agostino and Antonio Calogero perform at 8:15 pm. The Noe Valley Music Series at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 454-5238.

**APRIL 1:** The San Francisco MYSTERY BOOKSTORE is having a neighborhood party to celebrate owner Bruce Taylor's retirement (and Diane Kudisch taking over); all secondhand books will be half price. Food and drink. Noon-5 pm. 4175 24th St. 282-7444.

**APRIL 1:** The IVES QUARTET, formerly the Stanford String Quartet, performs Bartok's Fourth String Quartet and the Shostakovich Piano Quintet. 4 pm. Noe Valley Chamber Music at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 333-9444.

**APRIL 1 & 15:** A GARDEN WALK and story time for children age 4 to 8 features the theme, "Tall Tree Tales and Forest Fables." 11 am. Strybing Arboretum, Golden Gate Park. 661-1316.

**APRIL 2-30:** HAWAIIAN CHORUS *Na Leo Nahenahe* welcomes new members at Monday rehearsals. (See *Short Takes*.) 7:30-9 pm. Bethany United Methodist Church, Clipper and Sanchez. 701-7011.

**APRIL 3:** Preschool STORY TIME, a read-aloud program for children ages 3 to 5, begins at 10 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

**APRIL 3:** Dr. Betty Carmack's free PET LOSS support group can help grieving pet owners cope with their loss. 7:30-9 pm. SPCA Learning Center, 243 Alabama St. 554-3050.

**APRIL 3-24:** Lauren Coleman's JAZZ STRETCH class meets on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2782.

**APRIL 4:** "Unsightly" features READINGS by Bay Area writers Lisa Asagi, Justin Chin, Jan Richman, and Michelle Tea. 7:30 pm. Southern Exposure Gallery, 401 Alabama St. 863-2141.



**APRIL 4-28:** Berkeley PLAYWRIGHT Joyce Carol Thomas premieres *A Mother's Heart*, an African-American family portrait. Wed.-Sat., 8 pm; Sun, April 8, 3 pm. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St. 826-5750.

**APRIL 4, 7, 18, 21, 25 & 28:** The LAPSITS at the Noe Valley Library feature songs, stories, and fingerplays for infants, toddlers, and their parents. Wednesdays at 7 pm, and Saturdays at 10 am. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

**APRIL 5:** James Lick Middle School invites the neighborhood to its annual schoolwide TALENT SHOW (donation \$2 per person, \$5 per family). 7 pm. 1220 Noe St. 695-5675.

**APRIL 5:** Jane Bell's slide show and discussion "FLOWER ESSENCES from the Alaskan Wilderness" includes a space cleaning demonstration. 7-9 pm. Scarlet Sage Herb Company, 1173 Valencia St. 821-0997.

**APRIL 5-14:** SPRINGTIME BIRDING classes at the Strybing Arboretum feature illustrated discussions on Thursdays, April 5 and 12, and field trips on two Saturdays, April 7 and 14. Thurs., 7-9 pm; Sat., April 7, 8-11 am; Sat., April 14, 8 am-3 pm. Golden Gate Park. 661-1316.

**APRIL 5-26:** A four-session INFANT MASSAGE workshop teaches parents to relieve baby's stress and provide emotional nourishment. Thursdays, 1:30-3 pm. Natural Resources, 1307 Castro St. 550-2611.

**APRIL 5-MAY 13:** *The P. A. Cooley Show* is a humorous look at the making of a "Carol Burnett-style TV show, starring a GAY COMIC diva." Thurs.-Sat., 8:30 pm; Sun., 8 pm. Theater Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

**APRIL 6:** Violinist David Jacobson and pianist Dmitrij Cogan perform a CONCERT of works by Bartok, Prokofiev, Brahms, and Ravel. 8 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 699-7422.

**APRIL 6 & 7:** S.F. Waldorf High School performs *Fiddler on the Roof*. Friday, April 6, 3 and 8 pm; Saturday, April 7, 4 pm. 245 Valencia St. 431-2736.

**APRIL 6-8:** Wise Fool Puppet Intervention performs *PUPPET LOVE!* a festival of radical puppetry, including workshops and a exhibit of various types of marionettes. Cellspace, 2050 Bryant St. Call 905-5958 for schedule.

**APRIL 6-22:** The Somarts Theater premieres JO KRIETER's *Maybe Grief Is a Good Bird Flying Low*, an apparatus-based dance performed by seven women. 934 Brannan St. 934-1070.

**APRIL 7:** A CEMETERY WALK, sponsored by the National Park Service, visits the graves of Buffalo Soldiers and a female spy at the national cemetery in the Presidio. 10 am-noon. Meet at the corner of Lincoln and Sheridan. Call 561-4323 for required reservations.

**APRIL 7:** The American Heart Association offers a class in Infant and CHILD CPR. 12:30-2:30 pm. Natural Resources, 1307 Castro St. 550-2611.



**APRIL 7 & 14:** Drop off whatever it is you can live without, to benefit ALVARADO SCHOOL's rummage sale, scheduled for April 28. 10 am-2 pm. 695 Douglass St. 642-9824.

**APRIL 8:** "Meet the Experts" at the S.F. ANTIQUE Mall, including early Americana expert Gordon Fine, faux finisher Jett Thorson, and pottery collector T.J. McHose. 701 Bayshore Blvd. 656-3530.



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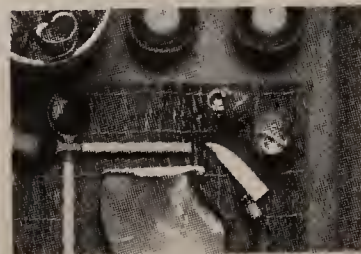
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# CALENDAR



**APRIL 17:** FILMS for preschoolers 3 to 5 will be shown at 10 and 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

**APRIL 17:** Nine-year-old SAHARA SUNDAY SPAIN reads from her book, *If There Would Be No Light*. 7:30 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St. 282-9246.

**APRIL 18:** HOSPICE by the Bay and Green Street Mortuary host a teleconference moderated by Cokie Roberts, "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses." 10 am–1:30 pm. S.F. State's Seven Hills Conference Center, 800 Font Blvd. 626-5900.

**APRIL 18:** Zyzzyva's "Literary Taste and Tea" series features chet JOYCE GOLDSTEIN discussing Italian-Jewish cooking. 4–6 pm. Main Library, Latino Hispanic Community Meeting Room, 100 Larkin St. 557-4277.

**APRIL 18:** The Noe Valley DEMOCRATIC CLUB meets at 7 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 821-4194.

**APRIL 18:** KAY RYAN reads from her poetry, including her latest book, *Say Uncle*. 7:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

**APRIL 18:** An AROMATHERAPY for Women's Health class discusses the use of essential oils to solve problems. 7–9 pm. Scarlet Sage Herb Company, 1173 Valencia St. 821-0997.

**APRIL 19:** The Earth Day Network has designated today Earth CAR-FREE DAY.

**APRIL 20:** Natasha Hoehn and Jennie Ellis perform a recital of 20th century AMERICAN SONG. 8 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 648-6939.

**APRIL 21:** The Nantucket Nectars RUN FOR LIFE wends through U.C. Berkeley. Begins 8 am on the corner of Bancroft and Telegraph. 866-RUN-4-LIFE.

**APRIL 21:** EARTH DAY at the S.F. Zoo features activity booths, an environmental "par course," entertainment, and environmentally sound coffee. 10 am–5 pm. One Zoo Road. 753-7080.



Tin Hat Trio—with Mark Orton on guitar, Rob Burger on accordion, and Carla Kihlstedt on violin—will jazz up the Noe Valley Music Series on April 28. Photo by Russ Langford

**APRIL 21:** Readings from *Selected Letters of Dashiell Hammett 1921–1960*, and a talk by his daughter, Josephine Marshall, kick off the DASHIELL HAMMETT exhibit at the Main Library. 11 am–1 pm. Koret Auditorium, 100 Larkin St. 557-4477.

**APRIL 21:** Darol Anger and the Mike Marshall Trio perform a CONCERT at 8:15 pm. The Noe Valley Music Series at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 454-5238.

**APRIL 21 & 28:** Artists' Television Access offers a two-part BASIC HTML workshop, taught by digital artist Steve Piasecki. Noon–3 pm. 992 Valencia St. Call to reserve a space, 824-3890.

**APRIL 22:** Sutro Heights Park hosts an EARTH DAY CELEBRATION, with a blessing of the animals (leashed dogs, please) at 10 am, and an animal parade; the work day commences with planting the Adolf Sutro beds, chipping the parking lot, and an interpretive walk through the park, followed by a potluck lunch. Bring work gloves and a dish to share. 556-8642 or 239-2366.

**APRIL 22:** The Film Arts Foundation offers a class, "Interview Techniques for DOCUMENTARY FILM." 10 am–5:30 pm. 346 9th St. 552-8760.

**APRIL 22:** The KINSEY SICKS, "America's favorite dragappella beautyshop quartet," perform a concert to benefit the Noe Valley Ministry. 7 pm. 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317.

**APRIL 24:** A multicultural MUSIC festival for preschoolers features Chris Molla performing at 10 and 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

**APRIL 24:** Mission Police Station invites you to bring your safety concerns to its regular (last Tuesday of the month) POLICE-COMMUNITY meeting at 6 p.m. Mission Station, 630 Valencia St. 554-5400.

**APRIL 25:** Poet CHANA BLOCH reads from *Mrs. Dumpty*. 7:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

**APRIL 26:** Native San Franciscan JERRY FLAMM discusses "Bay Area Snapshots," a look at early 20th-century life, hosted by the S.F. History Association. 7 pm. Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 678 Portola Dr. 750-9986.

**APRIL 26:** "Give Meaning to Spring Cleaning, with FENG SHUI, a workshop at Array of Light, runs from 7 to 9 pm; bring a sketch of your floor plan. 4291 24th St. 642-9249.

**APRIL 26:** UPPER NOE Neighbors' monthly meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Residential parking stickers will be on the agenda. Upper Noe Rec Center, Day and Sanchez. 285-0473.

**APRIL 26:** Naturalist Nancy DeStata's slide show looks at the five different "HERONS and Egrets of the Bay Area" 7:30 pm. Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way. 864-2026.

**APRIL 28:** The big RUMMAGE SALE at Alvarado School is sure to have a treasure or two for everyone. 9 am–4:30 pm. 695 Douglass St. 642-9824.

**APRIL 28:** A giant children's GARAGE SALE features clothing, toys, and furniture donated by 75 families. 9 am–3 pm; half-price at 1 pm. St. John of God Church, 5th Ave. at Irving. 485-5036.

**APRIL 28:** The American Heart Association offers a certification workshop in infant and CHILD CPR. Natural Resources, 1307 Castro St. Call 550-2611 for information.

**APRIL 28:** "How Culture and Belief Affect Aging" is explored by MARITA GRUDZEN at the monthly meeting of the Older Women's League (OWL). 10:30 am–12:30 pm. Call 989-4422 for location.

**APRIL 28:** The family FESTIVAL on the Hill at the Randall Museum celebrates flight, with kites, frisbees, and model planes, plus interactive art and science activities. 11 am–3 pm. 199 Museum Way. 864-2026.

## May Day May Day

The deadline for calendar submissions to the next issue of the *Noe Valley Voice*—the May 2001 issue, distributed May 4—will be **April 15**. Send items to the *Voice Calendar*, 1021 Sanchez Street, San Francisco, CA 94114. Or e-mail [zabarska@aol.com](mailto:zabarska@aol.com). Questions? Call Karol at 285-6347.

**APRIL 28:** A CARNIVAL and silent auction at the New Traditions Creative Arts Elementary School features games, prizes, entertainment, and food. 11 am–4 pm. 2049 Grove St. 750-8490.

**APRIL 28:** The 49ers SQUARE DANCE CLUB hosts an Ice Cream Social and Hoedown. 8–11 pm. Carroll Hall, 50 Thomas More Way. 824-7941.

**APRIL 28:** The Noe Valley Music Series presents a concert by the TIN HAT TRIO. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 454-5238.

**APRIL 29:** The fifth annual GLEN PARK FESTIVAL has live music, arts and crafts booths, and refreshments to raise scholarship funds for Silver Tree Day Camp. Diamond, between Chenery and Bosworth. 835-2112.

**APRIL 30:** Tricia Hollenberg leads a clinic in "Relationships Through INTUITION." 7–9:30 pm. Array of Light, 4291 24th St. 642-9249.

**APRIL 30:** WESLA WHITFIELD and pianist Mike Greensill perform a concert to benefit Community Music Center's scholarship and financial aid programs. 7:30 pm. The Plush Room in the York Hotel, 940 Sutter St. 647-6015.

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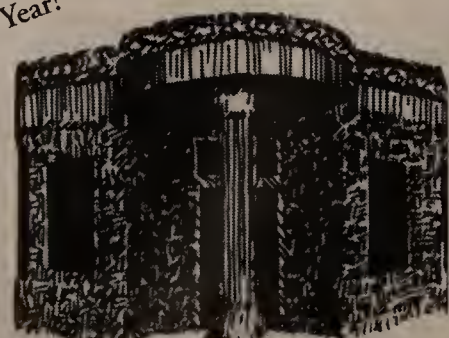
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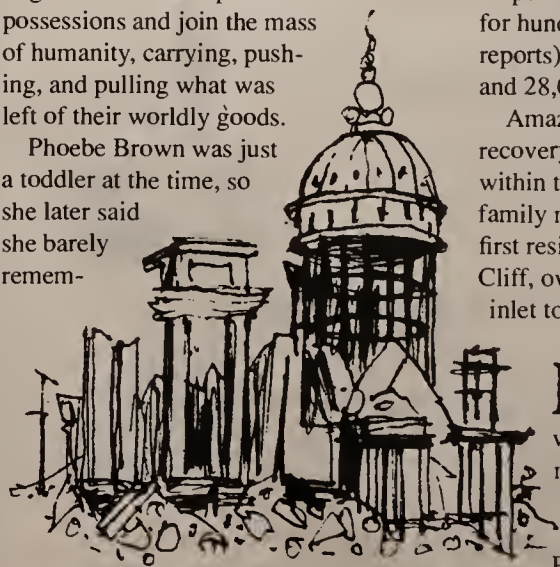
Every April, many of us dwell upon a terrible disaster (besides our tax returns): the Great Earthquake and Fire of 1906. The 65-second temblor struck our fair city in the early hours of Wednesday, April 18. The raging fire that followed left four square miles of destruction.

Although my family, in Idaho at the time, had little knowledge of the event, our late friend Phoebe Brown and her family lived through the disaster and dealt with it bravely. The Brown family lived in a lovely, well-appointed home on Van Ness Avenue. After the powerful jolt struck—it was later determined to be 8.0 on the Richter Scale—the Browns' house was still standing, but listing to the rear. All its contents—the furniture, china, portraits—had been thrown to the floor and shattered. But luckily, none of the family members was harmed.

Within minutes of the quake, the city's residents realized that few of the conveniences they depended on—gas, electricity, telephones, elevators, even streetcars—were working. More importantly, the water lines had been cut, so water to drink, and water to stop the fire that was devouring the wooden buildings downtown, was in short supply. Fire Chief Dennis Sullivan was unable to lead the fight against the spreading conflagration because a chimney had fallen on his leg during the quake, breaking both his legs. (His even less fortunate assistant had been killed instantly.)

At midday, the residents of Van Ness Avenue watched anxiously as the billowing flames drew closer, and Mayor Eugene Schmitz was forced to dynamite rows of Victorians to prevent the inferno from claiming the entire city. San Franciscans were given short notice to gather their most precious possessions and join the mass of humanity, carrying, pushing, and pulling what was left of their worldly goods.

Phoebe Brown was just a toddler at the time, so she later said she barely remem-



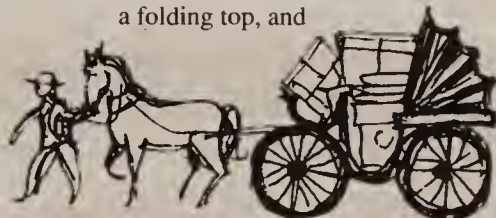
bered the quake. Her parents and two older brothers came away with much stronger impressions, however. Her mother, Helen Hillyer Brown,



After the 1906 earthquake ravaged their home on Van Ness Avenue, the Brown family built a new mansion at One 25th Avenue, and thus became the first residents of what is now known as Sea Cliff.  
1908 Photo by Phoebe H. Brown

wrote a vivid account of their experiences, intending to send it as a letter to worried friends and relatives.

Helen Brown described how the family piled their belongings into a light horse carriage called a Victoria (after Queen Victoria). It seated two, with a folding top, and



was strong enough to carry two loads of the Browns' household goods to higher ground. She also wrote that all of the parks (including Dolores Park in the Mission) were turned into tent cities, with both the Army and civilians acting as overseers to enforce health and safety rules. Fortunately, the weather was mild, and the people remained in good spirits.

Phoebe's father, Phillip King Brown, was a physician. After he learned that his downtown medical office had gone up in flames, he took over an empty house to care for the injured, aged, and infirm victims of the quake. His wife helped to gather the names of the living, for hundreds (674, according to early reports) were either dead or missing, and 28,000 buildings were destroyed.

Amazingly, the city made a rapid recovery from the devastation, and within two years, in 1908, the Brown family moved into their new home, the first residence built on the bluff at Sea Cliff, overlooking Baker Beach and the inlet to San Francisco Bay.

Leo and I first visited the house about 50 years ago, when Phoebe Brown, whom he'd met while working for the San Francisco Planning Department, invited us to dinner. Phoebe loved to entertain and was a gracious hostess.

I recall how we wielded the heavy bronze knocker on the massive oak front door. Upon entry, we were struck

by the elegance of the large rooms. The bookcases were filled with leather-bound volumes, and the floors were covered with luxurious patterned carpets (like the *kilims* at Nomad Rugs or Artemisia on 24th Street).

There were art objects from all over the world in the living room, but the one that caught my attention was a painting in an ornate gold frame over the fireplace. It was an oil that depicted a hillside of golden dried grass with a barely trodden, meandering path and a few oak trees in the background. When I told Phoebe how much I admired the tranquil scene, she happily revealed the painting's history.

The landscape had been given to her father and mother as a wedding present by the artist, William Keith, who was a personal friend. The framed painting had been hanging in their sitting room on that fateful day in 1906 when the order came to abandon their home on Van Ness Avenue. Transporting such a heavy, unwieldy object was out of the question, but the thought of allowing this treasure to be blown up was too painful to bear, so Mrs. Brown cut the canvas out of the frame, rolled it into a tube, and tucked it under her arm, saving it for posterity.

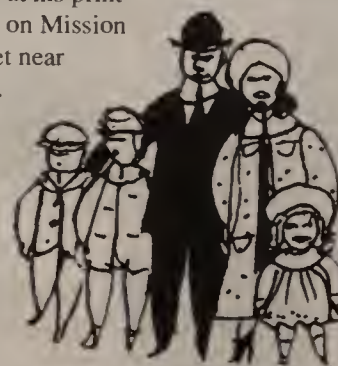
William Keith, born in Scotland in 1839 (he died in 1911), was an extremely popular and prolific painter in California. He often went on mountain trips with his friend, the naturalist John Muir. Muir used to chide his artist friend about taking liberties with Mother Nature, because Keith felt obliged to move or omit a tree in order to improve the composition of his paintings.

You can find William Keith's work in most California museums. In fact, I made a point of taking one last look at his painting of a glorious sunset shining through a stand of oak trees, before the de Young Museum closed for retrofitting last December.

Though she never married, Phoebe Brown attained great stature as an architect and lived a rich, full life. She was

active in so many causes that photographer Ansel Adams once noted that whenever there was some important civic or environmental issue pending, you would find Phoebe Brown in the middle of it and on the right side!

Throughout her busy life, various friends and relatives asked for copies of her mother's earthquake account, which she provided in handwritten form. This chore became so time-consuming that she finally decided to produce it in type. In 1956, she engaged my man Leo to design and print *The Great San Francisco Fire*, by Helen Hillyer Brown, on his printing press in our basement. It was so well received that a second printing, in 1976, was done by our son Eric, at his print shop on Mission Street near 30th.



The book is now "out of print," and sadly Phoebe is no longer with us to order another edition. She died in 1990 at the age of 86.

With her going, the Brown home was sold to a man from the East Coast, then resold to a couple who have established deep roots in our city, none other than *San Francisco Chronicle* editor Phil Bronstein and his wife, actress Sharon Stone. (You will not be able to recognize the house today using the old photograph shown on this page, because other large homes of distinction have sprung up all around it.)

Nevertheless, I'll always think of the house as Phoebe and her family's refuge and reward after surviving the Great Quake of 1906. □

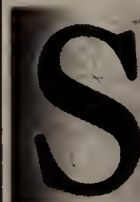
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**Good Friday April 13th:** Scriptural Readings and the Stations of the Cross  
at 12:00 Noon; Good Friday Liturgy to follow.  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from noon until 1:30 p.m.

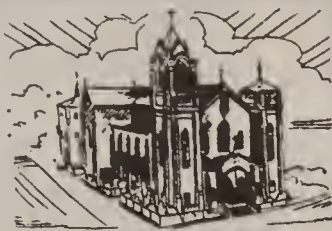
**Easter Vigil April 14th:** The Easter Vigil Service at 8:00 p.m. with the  
Blessing of the Fire and Lighting of the Pascal Candle, the Blessing of the  
Easter Water, the Celebration of Baptism, and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.  
Eucharist Celebration follows.

**Easter Sunday April 15th:** Eucharistic Liturgies are at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
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HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 14

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Sunday, April 8 at 9 a.m. and 12:00 noon in English;  
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##### Holy Thursday:

Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. (Bilingual Mass)  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the  
Mass, until 10 p.m.

##### Good Friday:

Friday, April 13 at 12:00 noon in English;  
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##### Holy Saturday:

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8:00 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am (Spanish), 12:15 pm

HOLY TUESDAY  
April 10

Tenebrae Service: Praying the Passion of Jesus  
7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY  
April 11

Communal Reconciliation Service and Individual  
Confession • 7:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY  
April 12

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Bilingual Mass, 7:30 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY  
April 13

Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
Confession/Reconciliation, 11:00 am – noon  
Good Friday Bilingual Services, Noon – 3:00 pm.  
Confession/Reconciliation, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY  
April 14

Confession/Reconciliation, 3:30 – 4:30 pm  
Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection, 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY  
April 15

Commemoration of the Lord's Resurrection  
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12:15 pm & 5:00 pm

Easter Egg Hunt after the 9:15 am Mass for Children from Preschool to 3rd Grade

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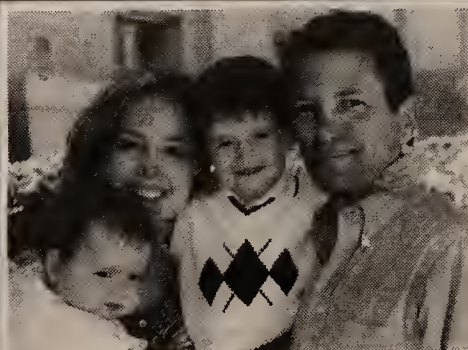
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## Family Adventures Close to Home

### A Bridge Too Close Biking the Golden Gate Bridge

By Janis Cooke Newman

"I've never been to the Statue of Liberty," my husband tells me.  
"Never?"  
"Never. And I grew up in New York."  
"That's like living in San Francisco and never biking across the Golden Gate Bridge."  
"I haven't done that either."  
"Me, neither," says our 6-year-old son, Alex.

I am appalled. People from all over the world come to San Francisco just to walk or ride across the Golden Gate Bridge. Rain, shine, or fog, they're out there in saris and too-thin T-shirts taking pictures of each other with Alcatraz and the Marin Headlands in the background. I don't want Alex to miss one of the great tourist experiences of the Bay Area, just because he lives here.

So the next sunny Saturday, we load the bikes into the car and head down to Fisherman's Wharf. Our plan is to ride from Pier 41 to the Golden Gate Bridge, down to Sausalito, and back by ferry.

We park the car and attach Alex's tandem to the back of my husband's bike. Then we head out, three people in biking shorts and helmets, cycling among the tourists carrying maps and walkaway crab cocktails.

We ride on Jefferson Street along the wharf, passing shops that sell bears made out of burl wood, and enormous



Riding or walking the Golden Gate Bridge is something all San Franciscans should do at least once.

Photo by Ken Newman

line of arrow-shaped kites. The kites soar up, and then nose-dive, narrowly missing the oblivious heads of a couple kissing on the grass.

At the big lawn near Crissy Field, we stop to watch the people playing volleyball. Every one of them is 25 years old and wearing sneakers that have air injected into the soles. Then we get back on our bikes and ride toward the bay to connect with the shoreline trail.

This trail passes a rocky stretch of beach where people have piled stones into small cairns that resemble mini-Stonehenges. In the middle of these rocky towers, a woman in spandex is doing deep knee bends.

"It's pretty noisy up here!" my husband yells.

"What?!"

Cars rumble past us, making a sound like faraway fireworks every time they hit a seam in the pavement. Because the sidewalk is higher than the road, we can look down into the front seats of all the cars coming from Marin. Practically every person is talking on a cell phone.

We take our time riding across, stopping at all the towers to look at the view. The bay is filled with little sailboats like a giant's bathtub, and the Marin Headlands are green and look like Ireland. Behind us, the buildings of San Francisco resemble white building blocks against the blue sky.

Every now and then we're passed by serious riders zooming by on skinny touring bikes. These riders all have little water bags attached to their backs with tubes running into their mouths like portable life-support systems.

At the Marin side, we follow signs that lead us beneath the bridge and up on the other side. Cutting through the parking lot at Vista Point, we take the Alexander Avenue exit without having to get on the freeway.

We whiz down Alexander Avenue, past wood-shingled houses that seem to dangle over the bay from their parking decks.

"Are you pedaling?" Alex shouts to my husband. His legs are moving so fast, they're little pink blurs.

In Sausalito, we bike along Bridgeway, past the fat-bodied Bufano seal and tourists with fannypacks eating ice cream.

"I'm hungry." Alex is eyeing the vanilla cone a little boy has dribbled down the front of his new "I ♥ Sausalito" sweatshirt.

"Me, too." My husband is staring at a man eating a cheeseburger in the window of the No Name bar.

"Let's get dim sum," I say. And we ride north through town to Turney Street and the North Sea Village Restaurant.

Inside, we get a seat by a window and an order of shrimp dumplings.

Dim sum is perfect food for kids—they can look at everything first to make sure it's not going to be gross, and it comes fast. We eat salty prawns baked in their shells, and *sui mai* (shrimp and pork dumplings), and sticky rice wrapped up in flat green leaves.

Outside the window is a harbor filled with docked sailboats. We watch a weekend sailor with a six-pack of beer who is trying to figure out how to untangle his sails.

After lunch, we hop on our bikes and ride back down Bridgeway to the ferry landing at Anchor Street. There, we get in line for the ferry behind a group of Italians, who are managing to look incredibly chic in their rented bike helmets.

"Where are you from?" my husband asks one of them, a man with little oval-shaped glasses.

"Firenze," he says. "Florence."

"I love Florence," my husband tells him. "Last time we were there, we climbed to the top of the Duomo. It's an amazing view."

"I have never seen this," says the Italian man. "And I grew up in Florence." □

Janis Cooke Newman's memoir, *The Russian Word for Snow—A True Story of Adoption*, has just been published by St. Martin's Press.

### Riding the Golden Gate Bridge: The Details

If you're a strong and confident rider, you can start this trip from Noe Valley. If not, drive down to the wharf and park in one of the lots a couple of blocks away from Pier 39—they're cheaper.

The North Sea Village Restaurant is located at 300 Turney Street, just off Bridgeway in Sausalito. It serves dim sum seven days a week, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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wind chimes. At Hyde, we turn left past the line of people waiting at the cable car turnaround, and then left again onto Beach Street. As we ride past Ghirardelli Square, a motorized cable car filled with camera-clutching passengers pulls up beside us. Alex lifts a hand from the handlebar to give them a little Queen-of-England wave. Several people take our picture.

We turn left on Van Ness, and then right onto Bay Street, riding past Fort Mason. At Laguna Street, we turn right again and hook up with Marina Boulevard.

Cycling along the Marina Green, we watch a man flying a rainbow-colored

Near Fort Point, we turn left into the Presidio and hook up with Lincoln Boulevard, the steep climb that winds its way up to the Golden Gate Bridge.

"Are you pedaling?" my husband shouts back to Alex. His panting sounds just like the dog's.

"Kind of."

We stop at the top to take our picture with the bridge in the background. We have to wait for six Buddhist monks in orange robes and a Russian family whose kids keep getting too close to the edge.

After the picture, we follow the signs to the west (ocean) side of the bridge, which is reserved for bikes, and start riding.

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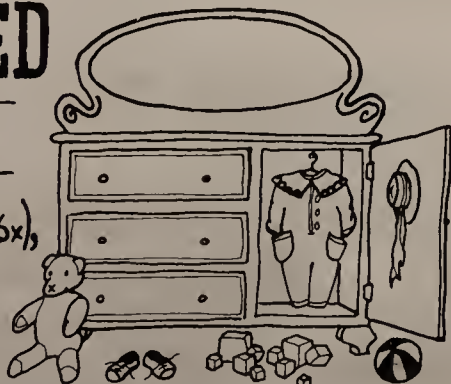
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By Maire Farrington

### Mario King Morris

Avid cyclists Tree Tam and Patrick Morris literally crossed paths three years ago while biking in the Oakland Hills. Their mutual passion for the sport sparked a romance, and a few months later the couple found a home together on Church Street.

In March of 1999, the couple quit their jobs to travel the rest of the year. Tree, now 29, said goodbye to the world of clothing and textile design. Patrick, now 36, left a position as director of technologies for a venture capital company. He also founded VeloAsia, a bicycle touring agency specializing in journeys through Vietnam, Turkey, and other exciting destinations. Pregnancy did not deter the couple as they led tours and cycled their way through Turkey and Southeast Asia.

Tree kept pace like a pro, though the exotic climes were not without challenge. During the descent from the mountainous region of Dalat, Vietnam, she crashed on unpaved road, and on the same day was bitten by a langur monkey in Bao Loc. The couple even endured the stifling heat of Cambodia to climb the temples of Angkor Wat and celebrate the millennium with 2,000 chanting monks and fire lanterns.

Upon return to Noe Valley, Tree and Tam exchanged wedding vows. But the wild times were far from over: Their birth experience proved no less dramatic than their escapades abroad.

On the way to the hospital, with labor happening "at a good pace," their car broke down on Geary Street. "Luckily, there was nobody behind us and there was that magical parking spot, so we just kind of rolled into it," says Tree. "Of course, we had to pay a ticket for it later. DPT wouldn't honor it. The street cleaners came at a time which was probably exactly when we gave birth."

Tree was unable to hike the four remaining blocks to California Pacific Medical Center, so Patrick sought assistance at the nearest residence. "Usually nothing stops Tree," he says. "So to have her say 'I can't walk' was like, Uh-oh, it's going to be one of those things on the lawn with people gathered around asking, 'Who knows how to deliver a baby?'"

"Patrick was wearing his good luck shirt, this old Dolphins football jersey," recalls Tree. "He looked really freaky wearing bright green with orange stripes and carrying three bags. I was hoping they wouldn't think he was some weird out-of-towner needing directions to the sports stadium."

As it turned out, they'd knocked on the right door. The woman who came to their rescue had given birth to three children at the same hospital and knew the drill. "She had this huge Volvo station wagon,



Nine-month-old Mario King Morris is fond of the outdoors, just like his dad and mom, Patrick Morris and Tree Tam.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

so I crawled in like a dog to the back seat," says Tree. "She knew exactly where to go to the delivery room emergency drop-off."

Mario King Morris arrived at 6:53 a.m. on June 14, 2000, weighing an even 8 pounds—right smack in the middle of a heat wave. The mercury soared and set a record for the highest temperature in that day's history in San Francisco. With the hospital's air conditioning on the fritz, parents and baby suffered through 87-degree indoor heat. Patrick joined the stampede to the nearest Walgreen's and queued up to buy an electric fan. Since Tree was running a fever, the fan was directed over a plastic wash basin filled with ice, and she improvised with ice-filled surgical gloves beneath her armpits and wet cloths atop her head.

"It was like a Third World hospital for a day, with all these fans and people running around with cloths," Patrick says. "It was so hot that we covered the hospital room windows with newspapers and we were sitting inside sweating." Mario kept his cool by spending his first day wearing nothing but his birthday suit.

Baby's middle name is after Tree's father, King Tam. As for Mario, "There are multiple strategies to that name," says Patrick. Mario's granddad is partial to Mario Lanza, the singer, and his mom and dad admire cyclist Mario Cipollini, Italy's best-loved son and grand sprinter. As for their own son, "Hopefully someday he'll meet some nice Italian woman and move to Italy and support his parents there," Patrick says with a wink.

Now 8 months old, Mario attracts lots of attention with his brown eyes and long, dark-brown locks. "Everybody who sees him says, 'Oh! What a pretty little girl!'" Tree relates. "When he's wet from his bath, his hair gets curly with little ringlets, and he looks like a little cherub."

Still, baby does have his devilish side. He's been known to entertain himself with "search and destroy missions," says Mom. "When he hears the vacuum cleaner or the coffee grinder, he makes a lunge for it, ready to pounce like 'What's that noise!?' He's very curious." And Mario is forever digging into the potted palm tree. "We've barricaded it as much as we can, and he still finds a way to get to the dirt," Tree says. To get to the bathroom, another frequent target, "he makes a beeline down the hallway, and you can hear the little whack whack whack of his hands on the floor." In search of his beloved rubber ducky, "he stands around

the bathtub just knocking everything over."

Mario also appears to have inherited his parents' desire to roam. "We really like to travel," says Dad. "And his favorite thing is to go out. It doesn't matter if he's crying or upset—once you get him out the door, he's really happy."

At 3 months, Mario joined his parents for a trip to Venice. "Everybody kept saying, 'That's the easy age,' and boy, were they right," says Tree. "He just slept, looked around, passed out. No problem." A return trip to Italy is planned for this fall, and then it's off to Turkey, where mom and baby will hang out on the coast while Patrick leads another cycling tour.

Closer to home, Mario enjoys taking hikes through Glen Park, nestled in the stroller or backpack. And no matter where

he romps, he fits right in with the crowd. "We always put him in people's arms and he checks out their face," Patrick says. "He's very cool with people."

Both parents and baby treasure their morning time. "I always try to wake up before him because I like to watch him stirring and see him when he first turns around and looks at you," says Patrick. "Then he smiles and comes over and tweaks your nose and then we play."

"When he first wakes up and sees you, there's this big smile and he starts blowing bubbles—he's just so goofy," says Tree. "It's so beautiful when you have such a small little being and you see it's your own child learning and changing. I just love seeing him being himself and discovering what he likes to do." □



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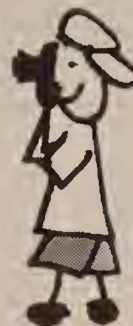
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### Adult Fiction

◆ Rosemary Stubbs finds out that being the chaplain at a small liberal arts college isn't as peaceful as she hoped it would be, when she ends up tracking down a campus murderer in *Overnight Float*, a new mystery by Claire Munnings.

◆ *Piranha to Scurfy* is a chilling collection of nine short stories—including the novella "High Mysterious Union"—by award-winning author Ruth Rendell.

◆ In *The Blackwater Lightship*, which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize, Colm Toibin tells the story of an Irish-American family coming to terms with an untimely death.

◆ Gerald Hasslam, praised as one of the most important California writers since Steinbeck, depicts three generations who live and work in the farmlands and oilfields of the Central Valley, in *Straight White Male*.

### Adult Nonfiction

◆ Tim Mackintosh-Smith, who lived in Yemen for 13 years, offers an intimate and humorous portrait of one of the most fascinating countries in the Arab world, in *Yemen: The Unknown Arabia*.

◆ In *Intersecting Circles: The Voices of Hapa Women in Poetry and Prose*, edited by Marie Hara and Nora Okja Keller, Hapa women in Hawaii contemplate issues of ethnicity, gender, politics, and family.

◆ *Welcoming Ways: Creating Your Baby's Welcome Ceremony with the Wisdom of World Traditions*, by Andrea Alban Gosline, will inspire you to create a unique and meaningful event to welcome your new baby.

◆ Mary Griffith gives practical advice and resources for teaching your child in *The Unschooling Handbook: How to Use the Whole World As Your Child's Classroom*.

*Annotations by Lea Rude,  
Librarian, Noe Valley Branch*



### Poet Kay Ryan

◆ California native and Marin County resident Kay Ryan, a recent recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts grant, reads from *Say Uncle* and her four other published collections of poetry, at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 18.

### Poet Chana Bloch

◆ 1999 California Book Award-winner Chana Bloch, director of the Creative Writing Program at Mills College, reads from her latest book of poems, *Mrs. Dumpty*, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25.

### Children's Fiction

◆ A small mouse tests his independence one summer night—and his parents test theirs, as well—in *Monk Camps Out*, by Emily Arnold McCully. *Ages 4 to 5.*

◆ A tiny animal loses his home but is later able to find a new one in *A Field Mouse and the Dinosaur Named Sue*, by Jan Wahl. *Ages 4 to 6.*

◆ Jessie doesn't realize how lucky she is to have a brother who is actually a superhero in the nighttime adventure *Captain Pajamas, Defender of the Universe*, by Bruce Whatley and Rosie Smith. *Ages 4 to 6.*

◆ In *High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Climbing Cat*, by Cynthia Rylant, detectives Bunny Brown and Jack Jones use their complementary skills to quickly (and intelligently) figure out who made off with Miss Nancy's binoculars. *Ages 6 to 8.*

◆ In spite of the fact that all the rooms at the hotel are taken, the Wilsons (Walter, Winona, Winslow, and Whitney) have a lovely San Francisco vacation, then rescue heiress Lizzy Chronicle, in *The Elevator Family*, by Douglas Evans. *Ages 7 to 10.*

◆ In *Magic Steps*, the first book in the new series "Circle Opens" by Tamora Pierce, Lady Sandrilene fa Toren (Sandry) finds she must teach Pasco how to use his magic, and use her own to help solve a murder mystery. *Ages 10 and up.*

### Children's Nonfiction

◆ From the beginning ("Preparing for Passover") to the end ("Nirtzah: End of the Seder"), Rahel Musleah provides a wealth of ideas for involving the entire family in the seder, in *Why on This Night? A Passover Haggadah for Family Celebration*. *All ages.*

◆ By focusing on the lives of Mifflin Gibbs and Peter Lester, Jerry Stanley illustrates the strong racism in mid-19th-century San Francisco in *Hurry Freedom: African Americans in Gold Rush California*. *Ages 10 and up.*

*Annotations by Carol Small  
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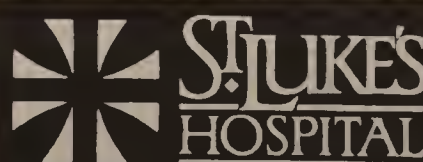
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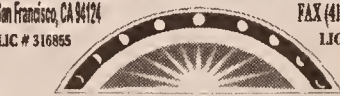
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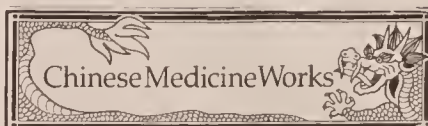
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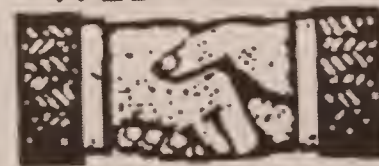
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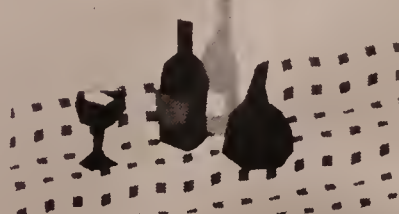
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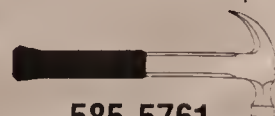
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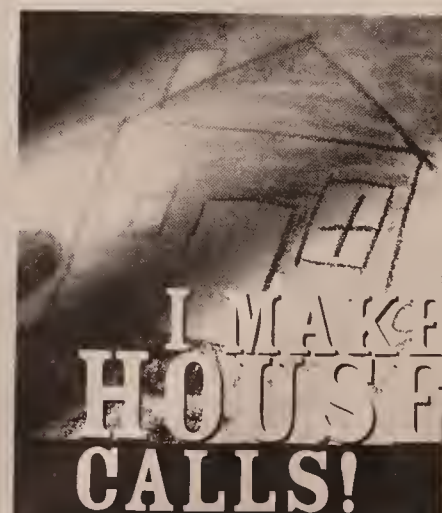
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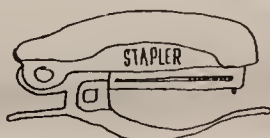
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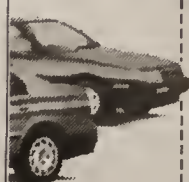
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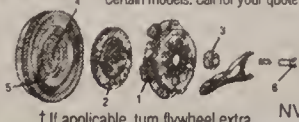


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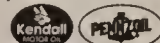
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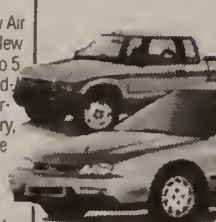
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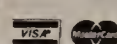
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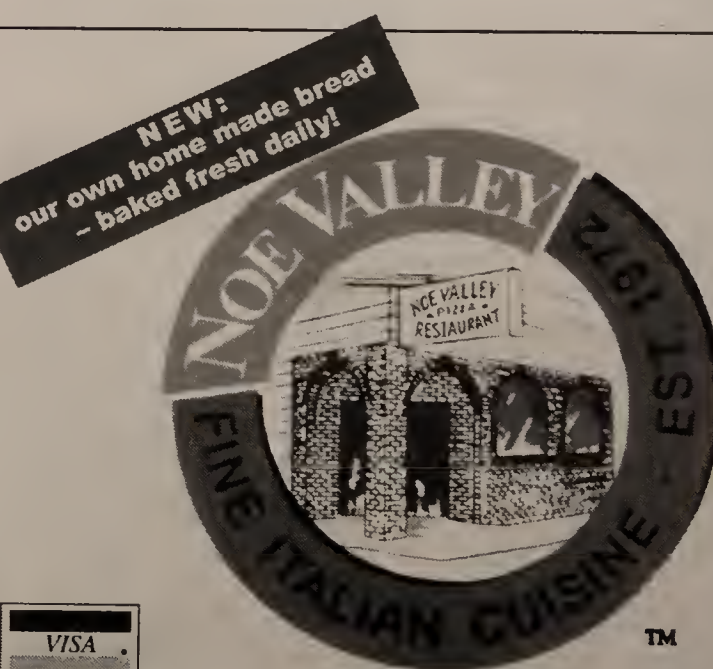
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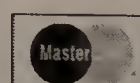
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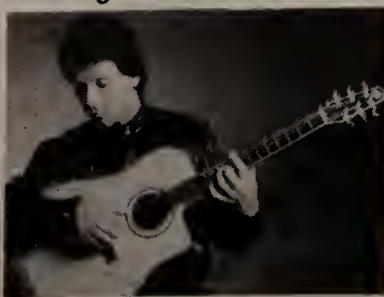
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### The Nouveau Middle Class

By Mazook

NOE NOISES hit the front page of the *New York Times* last month as the Edison School controversy (to yank the charter or not) boiled over at the S.F. Board of Education.

*Times* correspondent Edward Wyatt, in a March 13 story, wrote, "The debate over [S.F.'s] Edison Charter Academy has become a kind of dialogue of the deaf that offers a warning for school systems around the country, including New York City's, which is facing growing opposition to the Board of Education's proposal to give Edison [Inc.] control over five failing public schools."

He put the school's location in "Noe Valley, a middle-class neighborhood in the center of the San Francisco peninsula."

(Actually, Edison is located at the edge of the 'hood at Dolores and 22nd streets. Some might even say it's in the Mission, since it's near the bottom of the slope separating *what's been known* as N.V. from *what's been known* as the Mission. However, the Balkans—I mean the boundaries—keep a-changing. The *Voice* usually defines Noe Valley as 21st to 30th, and Dolores to Grand View.)

Wyatt added that Edison's "students were mainly drawn from the poorer and largely Latino neighborhood known as the Mission, ...and from Hunters Point, an impoverished, largely black industrial neighborhood a few miles away..."

Anyway, *San Francisco Chronicle* columnist Rob Morse read the *Times* piece and took issue with the description of Noe Valley as "middle-class."

Writing in the *Chron's* March 16 edition, Morse first sniped at the *Times* writer for "parachut[ing] into town to pontificate." Then he wrote, "[Noe Valley] isn't much of a middle-class neighborhood anymore. I called up the Hearth Realty web site and found Noe Valley homes priced from \$499,000 (one bedroom, one bath) to \$1,295,000 (three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths). No way a middle-class family can buy a house for over a million—or survive with just 1 1/2 baths," Morse railed. "I don't care what the Dow and the dots are doing, it's still No Way Valley."

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HOLD YOUR HOUSES, ROB. Noe Valley homes may be outrageously expensive, but most people who live here still

consider themselves "middle-class."

A hundred years ago, the German and Irish and Spanish immigrants who settled in this area made Noe Valley a "working-class neighborhood." And there are lots of their spiritual descendants left.

In fact, the Noe Valley Bureau of Investigation (NVBI) estimates that 90 percent of Noe Valleons would classify themselves as "middle-class." The upscale types might say they are "upper-middle." Another bunch—those who live in rent-controlled units or who are on social security, including struggling artists, musicians, teachers, the elderly—might check off "lower-middle."

Some might even say they used to be rich...last year.

But most of us would say "middle-middle." If truth be told, most of us have the good fortune to have been owning or renting here for a while (many for quite a while), because we sure couldn't afford to rent or buy property in the current Noe Valley real estate market. Nor could we afford to move elsewhere in San Francisco.

Also, the insane housing costs that the recent arrivées face take a big bite out of those high-end salaries. They may be rich by Sioux City, Iowa, standards, but in Noe Valley that healthy paycheck will barely keep you in the middle class.

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EDISON'S INVENTION: As for the issue of who attends Edison Academy, the *Voice* is still trying to figure that out. And we'll have a story next month.

But meanwhile, I talked to Juanita Little, the school's current director. Little was also principal in 1998, when the New York-based Edison Schools Inc. took over the operation. She says Edison Charter, which is three years into its five-year contract, remains "a low-economic school" and that the *Times* was right: Most kids live either in the Mission District or Bayview/Hunters Point. Only a small number come from "upper" Noe Valley.

She also claims that since the for-profit Edison Inc. took over, "our test scores have shown much improvement. The kids are happy and learning."

But all the media attention is driving them nuts. "We have had so many news reporters in our halls since December [when the school board first proposed revocation of Edison's charter], bombarding us with questions and requests for interviews and information," says Little, "that Edison had to fly a person out here from New York to deal with the press. We just want [the media] to leave us alone and let us teach."

Little thinks the school board will cast its vote (as this goes to press) in favor of revoking the charter. "Edison in New York will then have 90 days to 'correct' those conditions before the district can take back control of the school." She adds, "[My supervisors] have told me that we plan to

fight to complete our contract here."

All eyes will be on Edison, as educators, parents, and politicians grapple with the ABCs of educating our children.

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CLASS OF 2001: The exciting news at James Lick Middle School—which is on Noe Street, in the heart of Noe Valley—is that the kids are having a talent show, and they want Noe Valley to come check it out on Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m. The ticket price is \$2 per person, or \$5 per family. No matter what class we are, we all should be able to afford it.

James Lick is also still glowing from a March 14 book-signing party at Cover to Cover on 24th Street. The bookstore was jammed with 25 student-authors from Heidi Hess's eighth-grade Language Arts class, plus all their families and friends, and even some book shoppers who happened by. Everybody partied down and read through the books that each student in the class had written about their lives and individual experiences.

"Each kid wrote their own book, which ranged anywhere from 5 to 15 pages, and read aloud their favorite chapter or passage," gleams Heidi. "It was really great."

Cover to Cover will have a display of the students' books in their front window this month.

With the help of art teacher Vivian Alcalay, Lick students also have their art works on display in several Downtown Noe Valley businesses. The ones I've seen are at Real Food Company, Starbucks, and Tully's, to name a few.

If you are a merchant showcasing the art of the neighborhood's school kids, leave me a message on the *Voice* phone at 821-3324, and I'll put you on the list for the May issue.

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GETTING INVOLVED in the neighborhood is what Paul Kantus, president of the

East & West of Castro Club, was talking about in his club's newsletter last month. His plea for new members was eloquent:

"Do we really care about our neighborhood and the direction in which it is heading? The East & West of Castro Street Improvement Club, in existence now for almost a hundred years, needs your input, Noe Valley," wrote Paul, who was born in Noe Valley in 1926.

"In the past, the club has campaigned for car and bus lines in Noe Valley, for closing the rock quarry and getting the city to purchase the property and turn it into what is now Douglass Playground, for paving the streets in Noe Valley and for supporting political candidates who support Noe Valley residents."

He goes on to recall the club meetings at the Willopi Hall, which stood where the public parking lot is now, on 24th Street next to Hopwell's. In the old days, 100 to 200 neighbors would regularly show up.

"But that was back in the 1920s and 1930s," laments Paul. "Attendance at our [current] meetings has fallen off sharply. Membership renewals keep coming in, and the donations to the club are numerous, but attrition has taken away many of our members, and we are getting very few new ones. One comment from several longtime members is that people come to the meeting with a particular axe to grind, and the club helps them out down at City Hall, and then we never see them again."

The lack of interest has Paul concerned: "When we and our other neighborhood organization, the Friends of Noe Valley, go down to City Hall to argue our cases before the Planning Department or Permit Appeals or the Board of Supervisors, we meet for the first time younger Noe Valley residents who oppose some of our views and say that the club with its 300 members is no longer representative of the residents of the district."

He's not sure what other issues might

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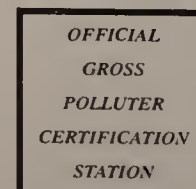
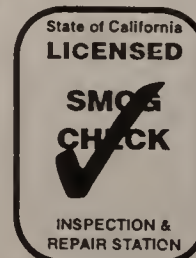
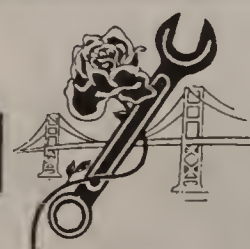
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be important to these younger people, but says East & West will continue to tackle things like "service on our Muni bus lines, parking, double-parking, graffiti, litter, unaffordable monster homes and condos, homelessness, impossibly high rents forcing out home and apartment renters and small businesses, and losing the character of our unique neighborhood."

So, what did he forget—scooters?

I'd recommend joining East & West—it's a neighborhood treasure. The dues are just \$4.20 per year (increase it to 5 bucks, Paul). And the newsletter rivals the *Voice*. As founder of the Noe Valley Archives, Paul has some great old photos of the neighborhood and helps organize Noe Valley History Day at the library each year.

East & West's next meeting is Wednesday, April 4, at the Noe Valley-Sally Brunn Library, 451 Jersey St., at 7:30 p.m. Yes, cookies will be served.

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IN A VALLEY GROOVE: Smooth is the word for the recently released 19-track compact disk *Powerful Seeds*, by a poetry-jazz trio called Word of Mouth.

The musical master is longtime (since '77) Noe Valleon Dr. Robert Markison, who sets down some hometown jazz under the velvety tones of David Watts, playing acoustic bass and some brass. The mix is overlaid with poetry written and read by Watts and his wife, Joan Baranow. It's kinda Noe Valley hip-hop, if you know what I mean.

Doctor Bob composed, arranged, performed, recorded, mixed, and then produced the CD in the dining room of his Alvarado Street house. He plays the clarinet, sax, trumpet, and other brass, steel guitar, electronic keyboard, percussion, synthesizer, and the recorder.

If you're wondering how he can handle all that, it may be because he has good hands—he's a hand surgeon, at UCSF

Med Center. That's where he met and teamed up with David, who is a doctor, also—he teaches internal medicine. (You may have heard Dr. David Watts on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*.) David's wife Joan is an English professor and poet. "We live in Mill Valley, and it's very much like Noe Valley," David notes.

Bob will try to make the CD available to local music stores, or through the group's web site at [www.poetry-and-jazz.com](http://www.poetry-and-jazz.com). If you happen to be on the road this month, Word of Mouth is headlining at the International Poetry Festival in Austin, Texas.

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SO SORRY about the flap I caused last month when I repeated rumors that Star Bakery on Church was having its Irish soda bread baked somewhere else and trucking it in. Not so.

Although some items in the bakery are indeed not made on the premises, the Irish soda bread is now, and has been for over 100 years, baked right there on the corner of Church and 29th Street.

According to the bakery's current owner, Bill Phillips, "We have been baking in our rotating ovens with the same recipe that goes back to the 1920s and has been handed down from owner to owner."

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THAT'S THIRTY. Tune in next month when Rumorama will update you on the latest shocker: Hopwell's Restaurant served its last meal on March 25 and has closed. A French restaurant is rumored to be on the way—but can we still order No. 6, *la spécialité de Wayne*?

Your Noe Quiz question for April: Where in Noe Valley can you take your old fur coat and have it turned into a teddy bear?

Answer next month! Bye, kids. ☐

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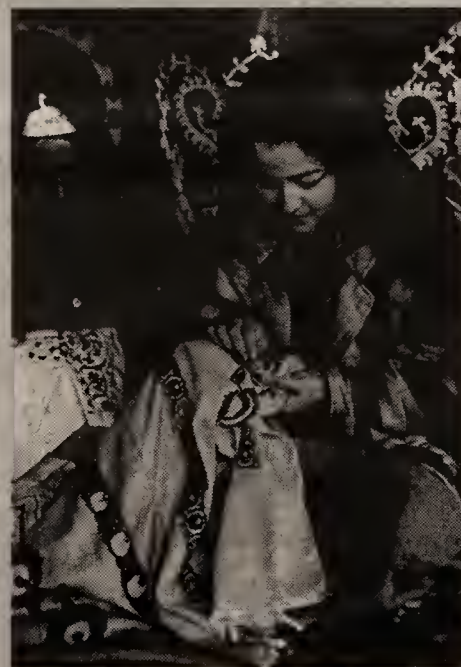
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# NOE VALLEY AFTER DARK

## Muni Descends To New Lows

Residents Say ‘Dive!’ To Muni’s Sub Fleet

By Commander Sal Waddle

Since the first day Muni began testing its new fleet of diesel-powered submarines on the J-Church line, the city has been flooded with complaints.

A survey of local residents reveals that many are concerned about the broken water mains, the annoying pinging, and the occasional torpedoed Victorian. But the loss of parking is number one on their list.

“With all that water in the canal, it’s been hard to keep our cars from floating off the sidewalk,” said Ethyl Leaded, president of the Noe Valley Four Wheels Good Coalition. “And my husband has been forced to carry the kids out to the car, because the baby keeps getting washed out of her stroller. We shouldn’t have to put up with this.”

Wyatt Owl of Valley Street is equally upset about the depth charges. “I work the night shift. It’s hard to sleep during the day with all those explosions. I’d rather

*Continued on the Briny Deep*



**Downtown Ho!** Church Street is awash in controversy following Muni’s launch of a new fleet of submarines, shipped in from Kankakee, Illinois. The neighborhood’s seaweed growers are pleased, but many residents are bothered by the constant pinging. Photo by Peg-leg Kennard

## Survivalists Gloat: ‘We Told You So’

Residents Stampede Local Surplus Stores

By Elliot Pogo

After years of slow sales, things are finally picking up at Camouflage Carl’s Military Surplus Hut, located in the new Old Navy store on old Army Street.

In reaction to the state’s ongoing power crisis, Noe Valley shoppers are descending on the store in droves, clamoring for flashlights, blankets, generators, thermal underwear, cans of sterno, and cribbage boards. In late March, Carl’s shelves were nearly bare; all that remained was an assortment of rusty tent bolts and a couple of expired snakebite kits.

Owner Carl (who refused to give his last name, citing concerns about government surveillance) is happy, but not surprised. “All them [expletive] yuppies and dot-commies, sittin’ in my parking lot, slurpin’ [expletive] decaf lattes from the Star[expletive]’s next door, man, they thought they could trust the gubbermint and PG&[expletive]E to keep their lights on,” he cackled. “They were all runnin’ around like [expletive] Rockyfellers, throwin’ money up in the air. Now they’re down on their knees, begging me for a camp stove. And waterproof matches!”

Although most Noe Valleons watched the TV show *Survivor*, many forgot to take notes and found themselves ill prepared for power outages this winter. Now

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### Cooling Towers, Hidden Energy

Call it a little Chernobyl in our backyard, but hey, it works. Noe Valley’s answer to the power crisis, the formation of the Noe Utility District (NUD), is giving residents a chance to thumb their noses at the rate hikes proposed by Pacific Goose and Electroshock. The three silos, located on Dolores and 21st streets, have garnered only positive feedback from the neighbors, who appreciate its sleek modern design, totemic qualities, and first runner-up status in the 2000 Wonders of the World competition.

Photo by Three-Mile Kennard

## Energy Hints from Mr. Gas

With Noe Valley facing serious power shortages, Mr. Gas has gathered several tips to help the neighborhood conserve:

- Set the furnace thermostat to “off,” and jump up and down.
- Wash only the parts of things that can actually be seen.
- Collect rainwater in saucepans and heat

it when the sun comes out.

- Plug gaps around pipes and ducts with copies of the *Examiner*.
- Use low-wattage kleig lights when needed.
- Close the drapes at night to avoid an indecent exposure arrest.
- If you have a fireplace, you can burn your old utility bills.

## Noe Achieves ‘Full Occupancy’

But Realtors and Landlords Making Room for Wannabes

By Suzanne Heretical

City housing officials confirmed yesterday what Noe Valley residents have suspected for months: Every single apartment in the neighborhood has been rented.

But the situation hasn’t deterred intrepid real estate agents and thrifty landlords.

“As long as there is space to double-park on 24th Street, I’m confident we can find space to shoehorn in more people,” said May Kabuck, a local realtor.

Kabuck this weekend will hold her first open house for what she has coined “Be-In-Nature” units, or BINs. In essence, she has convinced remodeling homeowners to rent out the huge dumpsters they plunk in front of their houses, which now only create an eyesore and take up valuable parking spaces.

“The low-cost models will require the renter to share space with the debris usually associated with dumpsters. However, for a few thousand dollars more, they can lease a deluxe model, which comes with an in-law suite, formerly referred to as a Port-a-Potty,” she said. “You’d be amazed how much space those Port-a-Potties can provide, especially if you drop them on their side for horizontal living.”

She hinted at another housing innovation that’s on the horizon, but declined to give details. “Let me just say that the sign ‘Garage Sale’ will take on a whole new

*Continued on April 2*



## Neighborhood Mad as Hell About Dot-Cow Disease

By Suzanne Hereford-Holstein

Noe Valley residents are turning off their computers, and it's not because of the energy crisis. City health officials this week mailed out notices confirming the first instance of the highly contagious dot-cow disease jumping from the virtual to the real world.

The epidemic first gained attention with the infection of Petsmirk.com and Petsmut.com. The web site of the San Francisco SPCA, *puttosleep.org*, was also thought to have been infected by the virus, but an investigation revealed that the Internet server had simply been overburdened by out-of-work dot-commers and pre-teen girls logging on to watch animals on the SPCA's web cam.

But last week an unidentified Douglass Street vegan opened up a carton of pig's ears from Petsmell.com and found an honorary membership card from the California Cattlemen's Association. "I don't know what horrified me more—being associated with the meat industry, or the idea of becoming a member of a group that doesn't have the sensitivity to change its name to Cattleperson," the woman said.

Petsmell representatives were at a loss to explain where the brochures came from or how the woman was awarded membership in such an exclusive group.

As news of her experience spread, other Noe Valley pet owners began spurning Internet pet suppliers and turning to local brick-and-mortar merchants. "We welcome having the customers back," said Ken L. Ration, owner of the Noe Valley Animal Corporation, "but they've gotten awfully suspicious about where we stand on red meat. Last Friday night, my wife had a hankering for something from Sizzler," he continued. "When I went to pick it up, I got the feeling I was being watched. I don't think it's a coincidence that business has dropped off since then."

Not surprisingly, Harpoono Sushi has reported a spike in its popularity. "I heard that you could catch dot-cow disease if you merely ate off the same dishes as a meat eater—even if they've been washed in hot water," said one nervous diner.

The brouhaha over dot-cow disease has led health officials to keep an eye out for signs of another bovine-borne scourge: foot-in-mouth disease. A speaker at a recent meeting of the Noe Valley Podiatric Club told the audience she feared that President Bush, who suffers from the disease himself, might have tracked it in on his boots on a March trip to California.

"Think about it: The disease first made headlines around that time," she mused. "And it used to be called 'hoof-in-mouth' disease. Think *cloven hoof*, think *horns*...I think you get the picture."

SOAP

## 'All I Want Is a Bite' Customers Yearn for a Taste of Italy

By Doug "Cornfed" Kon

When Little Italy closed last November, hungry fans of Italian cuisine were despondent. Now that a new restaurant, Small Italy, has opened in the same storefront, they're happy—but still hungry. Although Small Italy spotlights the same hearty fare as its predecessor, the portions are now much tinier, in keeping with our more health- and weight-conscious times. The familiar red and white checked tablecloths and the chianti bottle candles are gone, replaced by fragile miniature tables and matchstick chairs designed to encourage even the slimmest diners to worry about how much they're eating.

For starters, the *Zuppa di Minimine-*

*stroni*, served in a porcelain thimble, features a carrot sliver in a drop of hearty broth. The *Petit Fungo Piccolito*, a button mushroom with a dab of marinara sauce and a fleck of parmesan cheese, could make an entire meal for diners with smaller appetites.

*Antipasto*, bits and odd ends of little foods to begin with, is served with or without a magnifying glass, at the customer's request.

Entrées range from *Veal Parmidigetana* and *Ossobitsy* to the chef's signature *Eeny Linguini*, which is a flat noodle in almost a dollop of nonfat Alfredo sauce. A half-priced dinner special, served before 5 p.m., is a half portion.

A children's menu is also available.

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**APRIL 1:** "The Changing BANKS of Noe Valley," a slide show featuring nostalgic views of Coast Federal, Gibraltar, Hibernia, and Home Savings, is on the agenda of the monthly meeting of the San Francisco History Association. 7 pm. Ebenezer Scrooge Institute, 555-BOFA.

**APRIL 1:** LOW SELF-ESTEEM support group meets 7 pm at the Noe Valley Ministry. Please use the back door.

**APRIL 1:** Rapper BEANDBEE performs a concert of controversial hits, including *Realtor Killer*, *30-Day Notice* and *a Gun*, and *Evicted*, *Shmevicted*. Noe Valley Music Series. 8:15 pm.

**APRIL 1:** Auditions for TV show *SURVIVOR: Noe Valley* are open to any renter who can show proof of living in the neighborhood for more than 10 years.

**APRIL 1:** FILMS for local horror fans of all ages include *The Creature from Laguna Honda*, *Crouching Lawyer*, *Leaping Presa Canario*, and *I Spit on Your Organic Produce*.

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## The Outernet: The Latest High-Tech Development

By Ty McRamay

The most revolutionary new method of connecting people and businesses since the invention of the Internet by Al Gore was unveiled in Radio Hut's recent "Gimme New Stuff" ad flyer. "The Outernet will certainly change the way we live," said Ned Lud, twine and rope buyer at Church Street Office Supplies of Charm.

The simplest way to explain the Outernet to a "newbie" would be to liken it to a very long piece of string, tied between all similar businesses. When a person wants to find a shoe repair shop, he can go out and walk around and look for a string marked "shoe repairs," and then follow that string until he comes to the actual shop. If a person wants to comparison shop, he can simply follow the "shoe repair" string that's tied to the first shop to another location, because within the Outernet, all of the similar places will be connected. If you lose your thread, so to speak, all you have to do is go back to where you started and try again.

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## Monsters Gobbling Up Monster Homes

By Blondzilla

Over the last year, there has been a lot of controversy about the enormous "monster" homes springing up around Noe Valley. People are asking: Who could possibly need a home that big? Well, in the case of a seven-story, 28,000-square-foot home on Clipper Street, the answer is obvious: a three-ton gorilla.

Alan "King" Kong, a giant simian, and his wife Mabel are just the latest in a steady stream of celebrities who have made Noe Valley their home in the past year.

Count Brad Dracula started the trend, when he left the mountains of Transylvania for a fixer-upper on Valley Street. Within days of his arrival, the pallid emigré had gutted the small single-family home and erected a windowless 17-room gothic castle on the site. Dracula has also acquired the former Life of Riley Mortuary, which he plans to turn into a deli.

Nearby on Hill Street, Harry Visage, a werewolf, is temporarily sharing his monster duplex with Al Frankenstein, until his live/work loft above Selective Auto & Body Parts is wired with electroshocks. "It's a little too crowded here, especially during the full moon," Visage howls. "Also, I keep stepping on the spare arms and legs he leaves lying around, and that is hard on my paws."

The Kongs are decorating the den of their new home with a jungle motif, featuring 6,000 extra-tall palm trees and *trompe l'oeil* grazing wildlife. They also plan a rooftop deck, so friends such as Dave Mothra can visit. "My nephew Joe Young has been mighty helpful in the design," roared Kong, biting off a small

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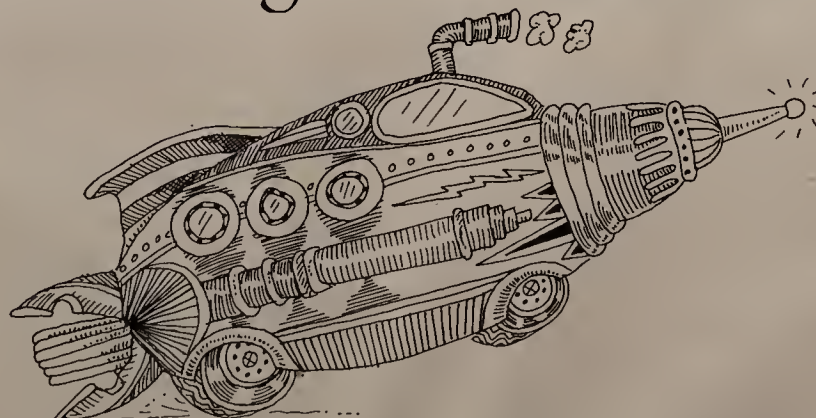
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# Landlords Ask Renters to Pay Up Or Double Up

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meaning," she said.

Meanwhile, the Wicked Landlords of the East & West are responding to Noe Valley's acute housing crisis by launching a new "all-inclusive" rental policy.

"San Francisco has long been known for its equal-opportunity housing," said Richard Rich of Coldwart Banker. "But we are embarrassed to say that up until now, we've been unwittingly discriminating against children and pets. We're going to change all that. Effective immediately, we are asking that every man, woman, child, and animal pay rent."

Fish, fetuses, and unfrozen meat in the freezer would all be expected to pay the standard \$500-a-month minimum, he said, though the group is considering putting termites, roaches, and uninvited vermin on a sliding scale. "In the rainy season, when the ants come trooping in, this could kick the rent into the high five figures. We understand this might be a hardship for a few tenants."

The group is also allowing an exemption for fur coats. "We didn't expect to find many of those in this bastion of political correctness, anyway," Rich chuckled.

In addition, San Francisco Supervisor Mark Trail has convinced his colleagues to designate all the roads in Noe Valley High Occupancy Dwelling lanes, or HODs.

"The concept is similar to HOV lanes on the highway," he said. "We'll now require every apartment to accommodate two people per bedroom. These 'monster apartments,' with as much as 200 square feet for one single occupant, are obscene."

Community Police Officer Lois Percapita warned renters not to try to circumvent the new law by propping mannequins in their windows.

But tenants activist Lisa Conndo said Noe Valleyans must fight for the right to keep blow-up dolls in their homes without fear of retribution. "If they outlaw dummies, only outlaws will have dummies," she said.

Officer Percapita also noted that the housing crisis has sparked a separate but equally disturbing phenomenon: roving gangs of "home invaders." So far, there have been a half-dozen reported incidents in which residents have returned home to find a new family living in their dwelling and their belongings tossed out on the sidewalk. "I felt really violated," said one victim, gesturing toward her possessions. "I mean, they didn't even want my stuff."



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## The Tribe Has Spoken

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**Landmark Statues Missing.** San Francisco Police report that they have been unable to locate Noe Valley's famed Doggie Heads, normally perched atop Billy Goat Hill, ever since the April 1 invasion by Taliban militia (see story below).  
Photo by King Charles Spaniel

## Buddhas Busted by Taliban Gang

By Parvati Soprano

In a surprise raid last Thursday, the Taliban ransacked neighborhood shops that sell decorative figurines of Eastern deities. The remains of broken bodhisattvas and crushed Kwan Yins are knee-deep in all 47 of Noe Valley's retail import stores. "There's not a Ganeesh left in the place," mourns Ella Funt, an employee at The Shiva Shop.

The Taliban warriors have vowed to rid 24th Street of all statuary and artwork depicting either the human form, an ob-

ject of worship, or a chicken.

The local shops severely affected by this ruling are God Barn, the Pickled Icon, Yoga Allah, Vishnus on 24th Street, and Church Street's One-Stop Idol Shop.

Unfortunately, the bandits also destroyed Tuggey's storefront mannequin Elmer, the giant shoe icon outside the Wooden Heel, and the plaster statues adorning Haystack Pizza. Pizza owner Val Picata was devastated. "As if that weren't enough, they swiped three piz-

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## 20,000 Leagues Under Noe Valley

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have those squealing Breda cars."

Some think the city should have assessed the environmental impact before ordering more subs. "I've had one tsunami too many," sighed Lotta Mildew, who lives near the low point of the line at Church and 25th streets.

Church Street merchants are frustrated as well. "Our scones are soggy, and there's just too much saltwater getting into our tea," said Madge Hatter, proprietor of Lovejoy's Tea Room.

The sonar is what's riling Deborah Cur of Noe Pet Company. "I can't hear it, but the dogs sure can, and they're howling all the time." She admits, however, that the subs have brought some benefits. "We now sell fish toys—we're the only place in the city that stocks collars for octopi!"

What do Muni passengers think? Most are happy with the smooth ride, but say there are a few kinks still to be worked out.

"The subs don't always surface all the way, so sometimes you even have to swim down to meet them," said Ishmael, a 27th Street commuter who refused to give his last name. "Just call me Ishmael."

Riders have also complained about the cramped, claustrophobic conditions on the boats and say few passengers have been allowed to steer the crafts or look up the periscope. "You can't even open the windows," said crusader Erin Brockovich, "unless, of course, you're riding

the F-line [restored antique subs]."

Others say their transfers get wet and turn into papier maché. And Muni's bunching of ships is still a big problem. "Sometimes you'll see a whole school of 'em going the other way, and then you won't see hide nor hair of them for hours," said Mark Spitz, while treading water at 24th and Church. "Thar she blows!" he shouted, scrambling to pull up his galoshes.

And then there are the accidents.

On Feb. 31, one sub bumped into another at the 27th and Church Street stop and surfaced in the carp tank at Lumberjack Sushi, causing the restaurant to send its customers to an already swamped Eric 'n' Alice's across the street. An unverified report said drunken Bavarians from Speckwomann's Restaurant retaliated by trying to sink the vessel.

In another incident, a Muni sub with 43 passengers was trapped underwater for three days after a local teen got his fishing line caught in the propeller. "For the first 40 hours it was fun," said passenger Brian Quequeeg, while recuperating at S.F. General. "Captain Clooney brought out the grog, and we started drinking rum and playing cards and singing sea chanteys. But we knew something was fishy when we were glommed onto by a giant squid. At that point, we all wanted out.

"Shiver me timbers!" he murmured, shuddering at the memory.

## Blackouts Roll In

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neighborhood residents are anxiously awaiting more emergency shutdowns during the summer.

The California ISO (I'm a Smooth Operator) says blackouts will likely occur during daytime hours. This could have a calamitous impact on Noe Valley, given our high concentration of allegedly self-employed individuals. "My computer is essential to my information business," said Robert Phil Hansen of Judah Street.

Local fat therapist Petey Barnum worries that "I won't be able to heat up my aromatherapy oils. And I need to play my *John Tesh in the Rainforest* CDs."

Noe Street resident Leeva Leiton shuddered while recalling a PG&E blackout this past February. "I couldn't get my George Foreman Keen 'n' Mean Grilling Machine to work at all," she bravely recounted. "It was the longest 90 minutes of my life. I could have starved!"

She and other neighborhood residents are on the lookout for ways to maintain their current level of overconsumption.

One option that has proven especially popular is the RapidRodent Home Energy Kit, available at Gerbil Exchange on 24th Street. "It's compact, it's educational, and it's fun for the whole family," raved Gerbil Exchange employee Pam Stir, "and unlike a real power plant, no environmental impact report is required." Each kit consists of a glass terrarium with a large aluminum exercise wheel, which, given a sufficiently compulsive rodent, will generate 120 volts. Just add gerbils.

Of course, the development of this innovative product has not been without kinks. Crisco Systems deployed one of the first RapidRodent Kits in a San Jose warehouse last December, and when the power blackouts hit, "the squeaking [of the wheels, not the gerbils] was deafening," notes Stir. So now, every kit includes a can of lubricating oil to apply periodically. To the wheels, not the gerbils. □

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